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INTRODUCTION.

THE existing Act Books, containing the minutes of the proceedings of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln, as preserved in their muniment room, commence in 1305, and are continued in a series of thin parchment-covered volumes, measuring somewhat less than 12 inches by 9 inches, down to the year 1520. In that year, however, the series takes another shape, the Acts being entered in a large thick volume, consisting of 464 parchment folios, 14½ inches by 11½ inches, and containing the proceedings of the Chapter from September, 1520, to September, 1559, that is from the twelfth year of Henry VIII down to nearly the end of the first year of Elizabeth. This volume, originally bound in rough calf, and known from its thickness as "*Liber Crassus*," was re-bound in vellum in two volumes under the supervision of Prebendary Wickenden in 1878, the first part containing folios 1-229, and the second part folios 230-464. Ten folios however are missing from the beginning of volume 1, which now commences abruptly with the probate of a will on folio 11, the earliest specified date, which is that of the next entry on this page, being 27 October, 1520.

As the chapter year began on the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14), which in that year fell on September 17, it appears that the records of about six weeks have been lost. One or two of the earliest existing folios have suffered from wear and tear, and some words at their margins have been lost, but with these exceptions the volume is in good condition, and the script beautifully clear, presenting no difficulties to the transcriber. Especially is this the case during the time of Master Peter Effard, who held the office of Chapter Clerk for about twenty years, and as such was responsible for the entries from 9 August, 1522, until his death in January, 1540-1. Needless to say these entries are uniformly made in Latin, except when documents in English, such as wills or leases, are inserted. When such occur they have been transcribed verbatim, but ordinarily it will be sufficient to calendar the chapter-acts, as is done in the Record Office publications, omitting the frequent repetitions of formal official phraseology, while retaining all matter of interest and importance.

It has been thought well to commence our publication with the present volume, as dealing with a period of surpassing interest in the history of our church, but as for convenience sake it was once found advisable to divide the 464 folios of the original thick volume into two, so now it will be needful to extend the many pages of print, which even in its calendared form this Act Book will fill, into three volumes of the ordinary size of our Record series, the present volume containing the entries from its commencement in October, 1520, to the end of the Chapter year in September, 1536.

The Chapter at this time consisted of the dean and the four other dignitaries, the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, all of

whom necessarily held prebends in addition to qualify them for the position of full members of the Chapter. But besides these dignitaries, there were commonly some other canons who had protested major residence, that is, that instead of residing on their prebends or other preferments, they formally professed their intention of making their statutable residence of 34 weeks and 4 days each year at Lincoln, where on paying down a customary fee of £40, they had a house assigned for their residence in the Close, and took their regular part in the cathedral services, and received their share of the *communa*, or common income, and of the obits, wines (*vina*) and other perquisites which fell due from time to time. They were bound of course, while thus residing in Lincoln, to provide vicars for their prebendal churches, as well as curates to serve the benefices which they commonly held, while non-resident canons who preferred to reside on their prebends or elsewhere, had to provide vicars to represent them in the services of the cathedral, and to contribute a seventh part, known as *septima*, or septisms, of their prebendal income towards the common fund. After a sufficient period of major residence, not less than three years, but commonly much longer, bearing the burden by night and by day, as it was styled, such canons as well as the dean and other dignitaries, were allowed to make protestation of minor residence, that is, of 17 weeks and 3 days in the year, by way of retirement and relief. In some cases a fixed annuity was granted in lieu of any future residence or further claim on the finances of the cathedral, but this seems to have met with considerable opposition both from the bishop, and from other members of the chapter.

At the time when these Chapter Acts begin the dean was Dr. John Constable, doctor of decrees, one of the family of that name long settled at Flamborough in Yorkshire, being the son of John Constable, esq., and the brother of Sir Marmaduke Constable, knt., of that place. He had held the office since 1514, when he succeeded the celebrated Thomas (later Cardinal) Wolsey on the latter's promotion to the bishopric of Lincoln. He held with the deanery the prebend of Caistor and many other pieces of ecclesiastical preferment, so that his gross income was assessed for the subsidy of 1526 at the large amount of £396, or deducting out-goings at £337, equal to £4000 a year at the present day.¹ In 1523 he made protestation of minor residence on the ground of old age and bodily weakness, but he did not die until 14 July, 1528. His death took place at the rectory of Fiskerton, and it is here recorded that on July 17 his body was honorably committed to burial in the nave of the cathedral near the baptismal font, the precentor performing the office. The very next day the matter of his will was brought before the chapter by his executors, one of whom was a second Sir Marmaduke Constable, his nephew, but probate of it was claimed as their prerogative both by

¹ The incomes of the members of the cathedral chapter were derived from various sources—1. From the common fund of the cathedral, which in 1526 amounted to £673, and which after payment of out-goings was divided equally between the dean and other canons in major residence: 2. From the several estates attached to the dignitaries; these are not specified in 1526, but in the *Valor* of 1536 the gross amount is given in the case of the dean as £208, precentor £13, chancellor £63, treasurer £10, and sub-dean £42: 3. From the prebends which they held in the cathedral; these varied much in value, and are included in the incomes on which they were assessed in 1526. In addition they frequently held prebends in other cathedrals, and commonly other ecclesiastical preferments; such benefices are usually included if they were in the diocese of Lincoln, but not if in other dioceses. See Appendix I, II.

the cardinal as legate *a latere*, and by the archbishop of Canterbury so that it is not inserted here. The sub-dean and chapter however at once took advantage of the vacancy of the deanery to hold a visitation of the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby, which was under the jurisdiction of the dean, and secured the procurations arising therefrom for division amongst themselves. His successor in the deanery was Dr. George Heneage, who at the time of his election was already archdeacon of Oxford and prebendary of Biggleswade. He was a member of the well-known Lincolnshire family, being the third son of John Heneage of Hainton, esq., whose nickname of 'Hipping' from his halting gait, has strangely been handed down to us, and whose will, as proved before the dean and chapter in 1530, is entered here in full. More conducive however to his advancement was the fact that his eldest brother was Sir Thomas Heneage, Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to Henry VIII, and the grantee of much monastic property.

George Heneage himself had graduated at Cambridge in 1510¹ as LL.B., and had served as chaplain to bishop Longland and Wolsey and to the king himself. In 1521 he had been presented by the bishop to the treasurership of Lincoln cathedral, an office which the next year he resigned on his further promotion to the archdeaconry of Oxford. The Chapter Acts give no particulars of his election to the deanery, but we learn elsewhere that the influence of the bishop and of his brother Sir Thomas was actively exerted on his behalf. At once, on July 15, the bishop wrote to Wolsey from Buckden, announcing dean Constable's death on July 14, and "desiring that George Heneage may be preferred to the vacant place, as it is his native country, and he shall keep a house there." As an inducement he offers the cardinal the archdeaconry of Oxford for Wynter.² Three days later, on July 18, he writes again pleading that Heneage may have the deanery rather than the dean of Wells whom Wolsey was inclined to favour. His advocacy prevailed, and on July 22 Thomas Heneage writes to the cardinal, "This day I received your letter with one to the chapter of Lincoln in favour of my brother the archdeacon of Oxford for the deanery of Lincoln, which without your aid had not taken effect."³ Though he resigned the archdeaconry of Oxford on becoming dean, he held many other valuable pieces of preferment: among these was the wardenship of Tattershall College, in which he succeeded dean Constable in 1528, the archdeaconry of Taunton which he obtained in 1533, and the valuable rectory of Washingborough, to which he was instituted 9 February, 1534, as well as prebends at Lincoln, Salisbury and York. His election by the chapter took place on 17 August, 1528: on October 7 he was installed by proxy, and on October 12 he attended in person, and received the obedience of the canons, and gave them the kiss of peace. But it was not until 3 September, 1530, that he actually entered upon the office by making protestation of major residence, and paying the customary fee of 100 marks. His tenure of the deanery lasted beyond the period dealt with in this volume: in the following volume we shall find him in 1540 acting as royal commissioner for the destruction and plundering of the shrines of the sainted bishops, Hugh of Avalon and John of Dalderby, and as

¹ He was incorporated at Oxford, 2 May, 1522, with dispensation that he might *uti pallii ac sumptuoso omni vestitu pellibus ac serico pertinetur*. Anth. à Wood, *Fasti Oxon.* (Bliss) pp. 11, 62.

² *Letters and Papers*, 20 Henry VIII, pp. 1973, 1977, 1985. Thomas Wynter was Wolsey's son, who received the deanery of Wells and other ecclesiastical preferment. He held the prebend of Milton Ecclesia from 1522 to 1529, when he resigned it and his other preferments.

resigning the deanery in 1542 for the archdeaconry of Lincoln, which he held till his death in 1549.

Next in dignity to the dean was the precentor. This office was held in 1520 by Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby,¹ or Foderby, by which double name he is constantly designated. Possibly he was a connection of the Grimsby family bearing the latter name, of which came Dr. Martin Fotherby, bishop of Salisbury, 1618-20. But more probably his paternal name was Grene, that of Fotherby having been acquired from his birth at the village so-called near Louth. He became precentor in 1510, holding with that dignity the prebends successively of Empingham, Bedford Minor, and Biggleswade. The subsidy of 1526 credits him with an annual income of £108, out of which he had to make payments of £28, so that the clear value on which he was taxed was £80. He resigned the precentorship in 1528, but still continued in major residence, having another house assigned for his habitation; and he did not make protestation of minor residence until September, 1534, when he had to do it by proxy, being sick and lying in his bed, and having performed major residence, as he says, for 22 years. He died on 28 March, 1536, as was stated on his epitaph formerly in the minster, which bishop Sanderson has preserved for us. His successor as precentor was Christopher Massingberd, of whom, and of whose long connection with the cathedral we must speak later. He held the office until 1533, when he resigned it for the chancellorship, and was succeeded as precentor by James Mallet, s.t.b., who had been connected with the cathedral as prebendary of All Saints since 1519, and who was already in major residence for his prebend of Lafford since 1531, when he paid the customary fee of £40. He had been chaplain to queen Katharine of Aragon, by whom he had been presented to the rectory of Great Leighs in Essex, which he still held. In 1514 he had succeeded Wolsey as canon of Windsor, and he was presented by the king to the rectory of Leadenham in 1522. He retained the precentorship during the period with which we are here concerned, but resigned it 31 October, 1538, and subsequently was attainted of high treason and executed at Chelmsford in February, 1542-3.

During the greater part of the time covered by this volume the chancellorship was held by Dr. Nicholas Bradbridge or Bradbrig, s.t.p., who had succeeded bishop Atwater in it as long before as 1512, and held with it the prebend of Stoke, as annexed to the chancellorship. His income as chancellor was assessed in 1526 at £113 gross, and £91 clear value, somewhat more than that of the precentor, though the latter was *persona eminentior*. After 18 years of major residence, he protested minor residence in September, 1530, one of his reasons being the palsy from which, he says, he suffered. He retained the chancellorship, however, until his death on 14 March, 1532-3, and in his will, which is entered here, he left directions that he should be buried "before St. Nicholas quere by the pillar". Bishop Sanderson describes his monument as being near this pillar in the Cantilupe, or St. Nicholas chapel, and as bearing his portraiture in brass, with six Latin elegiac verses prefacing his epitaph, which may be seen on page 159. As already stated, his successor was Christopher Massingberd, who resigned the higher dignity

¹ A manuscript volume of Bishop Grossetête's Works on parchment, with the inscription, "Liber Simonis Grene, alias Fod'by, pret. xxs.," is still in the cathedral library.

of precentor for the apparently better endowment of the chancellorship, which he enjoyed for many years to come.

The dignity of treasurer had been conferred on George Heneage, the future dean, on its resignation by Master John Burgess in June, 1521. He only held it, however, until 1 April, 1522, when he resigned it on his appointment to the archdeaconry of Oxford. His successor was Dr. John London, in later years to become notorious as one of the most unscrupulous of Thomas Cromwell's visitors of monasteries. He seems to have had some family connection with Lincoln through his sister Margery, who had married there,¹ but he also resigned on 12 March, 1524-5, neither he nor Heneage having apparently resided, nor taken any part in chapter or cathedral further than the exercise of a few pieces of patronage. Bishop Longland evidently found this unsatisfactory, for in a letter to the dean, dated at his manor of Woburn, 21 February, 1524-5, he complains of the non-residence of the dignitaries, and especially of the treasurer, who, he says, "next unto the dean hathe moste care and chardge, and owght specially ther to be, and hathe of longe season been absent from the churche whereby many things are more out of ordyr in the same, Wherefore I have gevyn the office of treasurershipp unto Mr. Ric. Parker, which nowe comyth to you to be installed, purposynge as soon as I can provyde a prebende for hym ther to kepe residence, and that he may nowe have a howse lymyted unto hym for the saame purpose ye have stoorre and plentye of the saame."² On July 1 he was duly installed in the prebend of S. Crucis, and bidden to 'Go up higher' to the treasurer's stall; and in the following August he made protestation of major residence in right of his prebend, and had a lodging in the Close assigned him on payment of the customary fee of £40. This in his case was a large amount, as his gross yearly income as treasurer is assessed in the subsidy of 1526 at £71, reduced by many heavy deductions to a net income of £34.³ This was much less than that of any other of the dignitaries, which may account for the frequent changes in the office. In 1529 he retired into minor residence, and was granted an annuity of £16, apparently in lieu of all other claims on the common fund, but not without opposition both from the bishop and from his fellow canons, and it is doubtful whether he received it, or for how long, in full. He resigned the treasurership in October, 1532, when Dr. John Pryn, already a residentiary and prebendary of Ketton, succeeded him; but he also only held it for a short time, resigning it for the sub-deanery in 1535. His successor, and the last to hold the office, was Henry Litherland, LL.B., who had already had a long and honourable connection with the cathedral as keeper of St. Peter's altar, which carried with it the important position of *auditor causarum* for the dean and chapter. He was installed as treasurer on 11 July, 1535, and received formal delivery of the vestments and jewels of the cathedral in September, only to see all carried away in the year following, and one of his first, as well as his latest, duties must have been to draw up that long inventory,⁴ which alone remains to

¹ Cp. the will of Robert Plankney, of St. Margaret's in the Close, p. 24.

² Bishop Longland's *Memoranda*, fol. 28.

³ Bishop Longland's Institutions show that John London and other treasurers of this date had to pay the large pension of £20 per annum to Robert Beckensawe, who had been treasurer as long before as 1513-6, and who lived until 1525. *Inst.*, fol. 2d.

⁴ This is entitled in the original MS. :—"The Registre and Inventarye of all Jewell Westimentes and other ornamentes to the Revestr' of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln

show how rich in treasures our cathedral once was. The treasurer did not long survive the treasure ; as the custom was, he held divers benefices in addition to his cathedral preferment.¹ Among these was the vicarage of Newark on Trent in the diocese of York, to which he had been presented by the prior and convent of St. Katharine's in 1532. Here he was informed against as not setting forth in his sermons the royal supremacy nor the renunciation of the papal jurisdiction, and for this or for some complicity in the Yorkshire Pilgrimage of Grace he was tried and executed at York on 1 or 2 August, 1538.² Though both had formally subscribed to the royal supremacy in August, 1534, we may well suppose that it and other changes were equally distasteful to James Mallet, the precentor, who had been queen Katharine's chaplain, and who suffered the like penalty of attainder and execution at the beginning of 1543.

On 1 July, 1523, John Talbot, who was not only doctor in divinity but also doctor in medicine, was admitted as sub-dean, on the resignation of Dr. Brian Higdon, who had become dean of York, and who at the same time exchanged his prebend of Clifton for that of Aylesbury, which Talbot had held as a canon-residentiary since 1519. In 1526 the value of the sub-deanery was assessed at £95 p. ann. gross, reduced by outgoing to a net value of £63, which though less than the incomes of the precentor and chancellor, considerably exceeded that of the treasurer. He retained the dignity until April, 1535, when Dr. John Pryn succeeded him, and in August of that year, after being in major residence for 15 years, he protested minor residence for his prebend of Clifton, which he held till his death in 1550.

Besides the dean and these four other dignitaries there were in 1520 three other canons in residence, that is to say, prebendaries who having made formal protestation of major residence in right of their prebends, formed a regular part of the cathedral chapter, taking part in its proceedings, and in the ministrations and services of the cathedral, and having their canonical residences and farms and their share of all emoluments.³ The first of these was Mr. Edward Darby, who had been archdeacon of Stow since 1507, holding with it the prebend of Ketton, in right of which he was residentiary, until 1528, when he resigned it for the prebend of S. Crucis. His income was assessed in 1526 at the gross amount of £128, and net £96, more than any of the dignitaries except the dean. He protested minor residence, by proxy, in 1528, and was granted an annuity of £16, though as in a former case, not without opposition even to the extent of a threatened appeal to the Apostolic See, and he appears no more as taking part in the chapter acts, though he survived and retained his archdeaconry until 1542.

The name of the next canon residentiary, Christopher Massingberd, proclaims him as one of that ancient Lincolnshire family, which later

belongyng, mayde by Mr. Hary Lytherlande, Tresauror yn the yere of our Lorde God MCCCCXXXVJ."

¹ Henry Litherland was instituted to the rectory of St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln, 22 December, 1529, and to the rectory of Belton in Axholme, 7 August, 1532, both of these on the presentation of Master Henry Sapcote, the future chapter-clerk, by reason of grants of the advowsons acquired from religious houses. On his attainder Master John Pope, afterwards chancellor, was presented by the king, 27 August, 1538, to the rectory of Belton.

² Letters and Papers, 28-30 Henry VIII.

³ "If any prebendary or canon resided in the precincts, as he might do, he was entitled to an abode there, and to participate in the daily distributions, and in the divisible corporate revenues of the cathedral."—Bp. Wordsworth, *Miscellanies*, v. III, 311.

became settled at Bratoft and South Ormesby. He was the fourth son of Richard Massingberd of Burgh in the Marsh, by Maud, daughter of Thomas Kyme of Friskney, and from 1510 he had held a succession of prebends in the cathedral. From 1512 to 1532 he held the prebend of Empingham, and we have already related how he added to this in 1528 the dignity of precentor, which he exchanged for the chancellorship in 1533, not being the last of his name and family to hold that office. Besides these preferments he held two or three country benefices, so that it need not surprise us to read in the Subsidy of 1526, even before he became precentor that his income was assessed at £111 per ann. In 1533 he had the forethought to acquire from the chapter a large unappropriated sepulchral slab in the minster for his tombstone, but it was not till 1555 that there was occasion to use it for that purpose, and his name will appear as a member of the chapter for many years to come.

The third canon residentiary was Dr. John Talbot, of whom we have already spoken as holding the office of sub-dean from 1523 to 1535, practically the whole period covered by this volume. It will be seen then that while he was promoted to the dignity of sub-dean in 1523, and Massingberd to that of precentor in 1528, the remaining canon residentiary, Edward Darby, archdeacon of Stow, withdrew from the chapter in 1528. No new prebendaries protested residence during these later years, so that in 1536, the last year with which we are here concerned, the chapter consisted merely of the dean, Dr. George Heneage, and of the four dignitaries, James Mallet the precentor, Christopher Massingberd the chancellor, Henry Litherland the treasurer, and John Pryn the sub-dean.

Any account however of the chapter would be incomplete which did not make some mention of its chief official, the chapter clerk, who has recorded the minutes of their proceedings. Just at the commencement of this volume John Carter, who had held the office, died, and his will is here inserted under date 23 March, 1520-1. His successor was Thomas Alys, LL.B., who had been admitted to the office in January, 1520-1. He died however in the following year, his will being proved on 3 August, 1522; and on August 9 Master Peter Effard, notary public, was admitted. He continued to be chapter clerk until his death in January, 1540-1, and to his beautifully clear writing all readers and transcribers of the Chapter Act books are indebted. The re-discovery of his tombstone during the recent restoration of the church of St. Peter in Eastgate deserves to be recorded at the proper time. From the inscription on it we learn that he was born in the island of Guernsey, and that he was thrice mayor of the city of Lincoln.¹

The chapter year began on the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz., September 14. On that Monday a chapter meeting was held, at which account was rendered of the common fund for the preceding year, two of the chapter having been appointed

¹ He was mayor in 1520, 1531 and 1540. Of his first mayoralty we have the following record: "10 Hen. VIII. John Tailbois Maior died the xxv Aprile the yere of our Lord God 1520. And the said daye at afternoone the citizens did chose Peter Efford for their Maior. And the said yere the souther part of the Gild Hall was new bylded. And also the said Peter being then the Maior hyred many workmen to Fosdyke. And a gret some of money delyver'd unto hym and to certen of his brethren as bi their account appereth."—*Deputy Keeper's 12th Report*, App. pt. ix, p. 575.

at a previous meeting to audit it. Then certain members of the chapter were elected in turn to hold various offices during the ensuing year. These were the provost of the common, the executive officer of the chapter, one of whose duties was to ride round once a year to inspect the churches and other estates which were the common property of the cathedral; two masters of the works, a senior and a junior, whose title shows them to have had the care and oversight of the fabric; a master or supervisor of the Burghersh chantry, another of the house of choristers, and a keeper or supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh.

The chapter day (*dies capitularis*) on which the chapter met regularly in the chapter-house for the transaction of business was Saturday at 9 a.m. But less formal meetings, (*parviloquia*) parleys, or parlevises, as they were called, were held frequently at other times and at various places, most commonly after vespers in the choir, often at the vestry door, sometimes near the shrine of the sainted bishop John of Dalderby in the great south transept. At all such meetings the dean when present presided, but in his absence, or when the deanery was vacant, the sub-dean took his place. Thus on the death of dean Constable it will be seen how all the chapter business was done in the name of the sub-dean and chapter; on their authority the visitation of the dean's churches at Derby was carried out. Similarly mandatory letters and other formal documents are addressed, *absente decano*, to the sub-dean and chapter, and only in case of absence of both dean and sub-dean, to whoever might happen to be the president of the chapter.¹

Though mention of the bishop's name occurs frequently in this volume in the shape of mandatory letters received from him, or grants made by him which required confirmation by the dean and chapter, his personal appearances recorded are very few. A few months after the commencement of this volume bishop William Atwater died at his manor of Woburn, on 4 February, 1520-1, and his body was brought to be buried at the west end of the nave of the cathedral, where his monument stood till it was destroyed by the parliamentarians (*Cromwellii flagitiosus grex*) in 1644. The carriage on which his body was brought, with its six horses and their harness, and the black cloth with which the whole equipage was covered, were claimed as a perquisite by the dean and chapter. They accepted however £6 from the bishop's executors in lieu of the carriage, horses and harness, but retained the black cloth, which they sold to the precentor for £2, the whole eight pounds being divided between the members of the chapter. His successor was Dr. John Longland, who had held the prebend of North Kelsey in the cathedral since 1514, and had added to it the more important preferment of the deanery of Salisbury, as well as the responsible offices of confessor to Henry VIII and king's almoner. He became chancellor of the university of Oxford in 1532. There is no record of any election here, but he was installed by proxy on 12 May, 1521, in the person of Dr. John Constable, the dean. It was not till sixteen months after, on 13 September, 1523, that his personal reception and enthronement took place.²

¹ "Sub-decani officium est ut ipsius Decani cum absentare ipsum contigerit vices gerat,"—*Novum Registrum*, cp. Cath. Statutes, III, 307.

² We are not to suppose that bishop Longland left his diocese without episcopal supervision during this long interval. On 12 May, 1521, the very day of his own installation by proxy, he commissioned three bishops *in partibus* to act as his suffragans in the several archdeaconries of his diocese. They were: 1. for the archdeaconries of Lincoln and Stow,

The king's arduous business had hindered him, as he pleaded, and even then he consented to it with reluctance, on the earnest representation of the dean and chapter that according to the custom of the cathedral his enthronement was necessary on the first occasion of his coming to Lincoln. The palace, he complains, was not fit for his habitation, and nothing had been prepared as it ought for his enthronement. In a manuscript of Lincoln customs, written in 1527, is an "*Ordo stallandi Episcopum*," which is contemporary with bishop Longland, and was apparently prepared for his installation.¹ In it is set down the ancient requirement that the bishop should pass the previous night at St. Katharine's priory, and walk thence barefoot in procession to the cathedral in the morning. But there is no trace of this ancient custom having been actually observed, in fact the ceremony took place at 4 p.m., and the bishop was lodged at the deanery. Entries of his visitation of the cathedral are found in 1524 and 1533, but with no record of the proceedings, nor whether he conducted them in person. It was in 1528 we learn that he obtained licence for the chantry chapel, which he built for his own burial, but lived to see defaced.

In so numerous a body as that of the prebendaries of Lincoln cathedral changes whether by death or by promotion were frequently taking place. Consequently installations and inductions to vacant prebends fill a large space in these chapter acts. Such vacancies were filled by collation by the bishop, who issued mandatory letters to the dean and chapter requiring them to install and induct his presentee in the stall in choir and the place in chapter belonging of old custom to such prebend. The ceremony was carried out in choir and chapter-house much as at the present day, with the *Ascende superius*, or Go up higher, and the oath taken at the altar in the case of promotion to a dignity. Mostly this took place in the first instance by proxy, but the admission as *Confrater* and *Concanonicus* was not complete until the new member had been installed in person, and had received from his brethren the kiss of peace, which has been replaced by the modern right hand of fellowship. A further induction was required into the church or churches, which

John *Aviensis Episcopus*, who in the following August was presented by the abbot and convent of Bardney to the rectory of Scampton; 2. for the archdeaconries of Northampton, Hunts. and Leicester, John Bell, *Maiorensis Episcopus*, who was vicar of Goxhill, which he resigned 22 March, 1528-9, receiving a pension of £10 from his successor; and 3. for the archdeaconries of Oxford, Beds. and Bucks., Roger *Lidensis Episcopus*, perhaps Roger Smith, abbot of Dorchester. In February, 1524, he commissioned John Young, consecrated in 1513 as bishop of Gallipoli, to act for the archdeaconries of Northampton, Bucks. and Oxon; and in May, 1527, he issued a like commission for Oxford, Bucks, Hunts. and Beds. to Robert Kyng, then abbot of Thame, who was consecrated as a suffragan of Lincoln, 27 January, 1527, by the title of bishop of Rheon, but who later became bishop of Osney in 1542, and of Oxford in 1545. In 1529 bishop Longland petitioned the pope for the consecration of Thomas Halam, prior of Newstead by Stamford, as a suffragan for his diocese, but this does not seem to have taken effect, and Thomas Halam died as prior of Newstead before 18 August, 1534. In November, 1531, William Duffield, bishop of Askalon, was commissioned as suffragan for the archdeaconries of Leicester, Hunts. and Beds., and in December, 1533, Thomas Swillington, an Augustinian friar, who later in 1544 became prebendary of Stow in Lindsey, was consecrated as bishop of Philadelphia to act for Lincoln and Leicester. The last suffragan during the present period was the unfortunate Dr. Matthew Mackarell, abbot of Barlings, who had been consecrated as bishop of Chalcedon as a suffragan of York in 1524; he was commissioned to act throughout the diocese of Lincoln in 1535, and in 1537 was executed for his unwilling complicity in the Lincolnshire insurrection of 1536.

¹ Bradshaw & Wordsworth's *Lincoln Cathedral Statutes*, III, 553-5.

formed the corpus and endowment of the prebend, and for this letters were issued by the dean and chapter to all clergy under their jurisdiction, since they were exempt from the jurisdiction of the archdeacon.

Besides the prebendal stalls which were in the bishop's gift, there were a great number of offices connected with the cathedral, to which the dean and chapter themselves presented, either in common or in course, that is on the nomination of the residentiary canon in whose course of duty in the cathedral the vacancy occurred.

Such were the vicars-choral, divided into two bodies or corporations, the senior and the junior, the old and the young vicars, as they were called. The seniors, who were in priests' orders, occupied what is still known as the Vicars' Court, though greatly altered to meet modern requirements, while the building inhabited by the junior vicars, which adjoined the former on the east, has practically disappeared. In either case they lived together as in a college, having a common hall for their meals, and governed by a provost, one of whose duties it was to note down the defaults of their respective vicars, their absences or unpunctuality in attendance at the services, and to exhibit them to the dean and chapter for correction on the next chapter-day. As many as 16 senior vicars are enumerated in the Subsidy of 1526, the stipend of each being assessed at £4 13s. 4d., or 7 marks. In addition each held a chantry, bringing in at least an equal amount, and many of them filled other offices, such as sacrist, succentor, clerk of the *Re* and *Ve*, etc., to which salaries were attached, so that their incomes were by no means inadequate, considering that they lived in common, and had no house-rent to pay. Of junior vicars 6 only are mentioned, and their pay was much less, the highest amount being 50s., while two are returned as having received nothing, perhaps because only recently appointed.

Between the vicars and the choristers, who then as now were presented by the precentor in right of his dignity, came the Poor Clerks. These also had their common habitation with its common hall, which stood on the north-east of the minster, but now has entirely disappeared. Like the vicars they were under the governance of a provost, and on their admission they took an oath of obedience to the dean and chapter, and of observance of the statutes and ordinances of their house. As recorded here, a set of reformed statutes for their governance was adopted by the dean and chapter on 10 November, 1526, which they all swore on the Holy Gospels faithfully to observe.¹ In several instances their age at admission is noted as between 16 and 18, and periodically, at the recurring Ember seasons, certain of them and of the junior vicars were presented for the various grades of Holy Orders, from that of acolyte to that of priest. In each case the privilege of the cathedral was carefully guarded, that the chancellor was to examine them as to their fitness.

The picturesque gables of the Choristers' House, adjoining the Chancery, still call attention to it, though doubtless much altered from the days of which we write. Here the boys—12 in number, according to bishop Gravesend's and bishop Alnwick's regulations—lived together under the management of a steward, and under the supervision of one of the canons residentiary, who was elected in turn each year to the

¹ These reformed statutes, which are in English, have been printed from a mutilated roll in the cathedral muniment room, by Bradshaw & Wordsworth, *Cathedral Statutes*, 111, 559-63.

office, and in right of it nominated to the vicarages of the churches which formed the endowment of the choristers. From time to time, as in 1524 and 1528, a song master, *Magister Cantus*, was appointed, commonly one of the vicars-choral, for the instruction of the choristers in their chanting. A separate office was that of player on the organs, to which John Gilbert, the lay sacrist, was appointed in 1524, with a fee of 40s. for playing the organs at the mass of St. Mary, and another fee of 13s. 4d. for playing in the high choir on the principal double feasts and on Sundays, with four ells of cloth to make him a gown at Christmas.

A large proportion of the Chapter Acts relates to the admission of cantarists, or chantry-priests, who formed a numerous body in the cathedral, the office being commonly held by such of the vicars-choral as were in priests' orders, who thus added appreciably to their incomes. In some cases a so-called chantry comprised a chantry-house, in which the staff of chaplains who said mass at some altar in the cathedral lived together as in a clergy-house under a warden. Such at Lincoln was the Cantilupe chantry with its seven chaplains, the Burghersh chantry with five, and the Works chantry with two, whose house which stood to the west of the deanery has totally disappeared. Such also in a smaller way was the chantry at Manton, co. Rutland, where at least the chantry priest had a furnished house provided, an inventory being entered here of the furniture in order that he might hand it on to his successors. In some cases also it included a special chantry chapel, in which the masses were to be said for the founder's soul, such as the beautiful little chapels which were added to the minster for that purpose by bishops Flemyng and Russell and Longland himself, though the last was never used for the purpose for which it was built. But in far the greater number of instances a chantry was merely an endowment for the payment of a priest to say masses for the founder's soul at some altar, sometimes specified in the endowment, sometimes assigned by the dean and chapter at their convenience. One such for the soul of bishop William Smyth at the altar of St. Sebastian was founded as late as 1528. A schedule of the hours and altars at which such masses were to be celebrated was drawn up and put into force by the chapter in 1531, and is inserted here in full. As many as 30 chantry-priests employed in the cathedral are named in the Subsidy of 1526, their stipends being commonly £5 or £6. Holding the most important position among them, with a stipend of £20, was the keeper of St. Peter's altar, in the southernmost chapel on the eastern side of the choir transept, since he held as attached to it the office of *auditor causarum*, whose duty it was to hear and decide causes which came under the cognizance of the chapter.

Not all these chantries were in the presentation of the dean and chapter. The two chaplains who celebrated for the souls of Katharine (Swynford) duchess of Lancaster and her daughter, the countess of Westmorland, in the chantry known as "le Irons" from the iron grille with which their monuments were protected, were presented by the king, Henry VIII, in right of his duchy of Lancaster. Similarly the Ravenser chantry with its two chaplains, was in the gift of the lord chancellor, and as such Wolsey presented to it more than once, as did his successor Sir Thomas Audley after him. The clerk of the hospital of St. Sepulcre was presented and paid by the prior and convent of St. Katharine, in return for the grant of the prebendal estate of Canwick by bishop Robert de Chesney who had annexed the hospital to their priory; while the chantry

of Agnes Caux, celebrated at St. Michael's altar, was in the private gift of the Skipwyth family, probably from some connection with the foundress. But the great majority of them were in the patronage of the dean and chapter, and to all of them it was their right to admit and institute, as well as to a number of exterior chantries, that is chantries founded in other churches than the cathedral. Some of these were in Lincoln itself, such as Robert Dalderby's chantry for two chaplains in St. Benedict's church, and what was called the Wykford chantry in the chapel dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, which formerly stood on the High Bridge, both of which were in the presentation of the mayor and commonalty of the city. But the dean and chapter themselves presented to a chantry for the soul of Roger fitz Benedict *al.* Benetson and Juliana his wife in St. Peter in Eastgate church, and another for the soul of Alexander Fitzmartin in St. Laurence church, though this last had become so impoverished that in July, 1527, they licensed the chaplain to serve some other cure for three years, on condition that he would spend the revenues of the chantry in repairing the houses belonging to it which had been ruined by a violent tempest on St. John Baptist's day a year before. Many others were scattered throughout the diocese, and they appear here as either presenting, or at least admitting and instituting to them.

We have already mentioned the chantry at Manton to which the chapter had to pay a good deal of attention, going so far as to apply to Rome to sanction a new set of rules for it in 1522. A chantry for the soul of bishop John of Dalderby was in the parish church of Dalderby; another founded for his soul by Hervey Beke, a former lord of Normanby, was in the church at Normanby by Spital; another for two chaplains was in Burton church, by Lincoln. In the little parish church of Driby there were two chantries, one at the altar of the Blessed Virgin, the other at that of the Holy Trinity. They presented to the Harrington chantry in Harrington church in 1530, and to the Tothby chantry in Alford church in 1532. These are some only of the many appointments to chantries contained in the present volume. In many instances those now appointed were the last holders of them, for before the many leaves of the *Liber Crassus* were filled these chantries had all been suppressed and their endowments confiscated.

Less frequently occurring, but more familiar to us, as having continued down to the present day, are the presentations by the dean and chapter to the benefices which were in their gift. In these cases when a vacancy occurred they presented their nominee to be instituted by the bishop, by whom he was returned to them for his induction, which as being exempt from the jurisdiction of the archdeacon, they commissioned some clerk under their own jurisdiction to carry out on the spot. When the rectory or rectorial tithes of any parishes were appropriated to them, they were commonly let to farm to some layman for a term of years by indenture, of which many examples are entered here.

We have already mentioned the office of chapter clerk. Another important official was the clerk of the common and receiver general, as he was styled, his duty being the receipt and distribution of the revenues arising from the common funds and properties of the cathedral. Of these he had to render an account to auditors chosen yearly for that purpose by the chapter shortly before their annual meeting on the Monday after Holy Cross day. Thomas Lililow who held the office

when these Acts begin, was allowed to resign it at his earnest desire in October, 1528, and was appointed to what we must suppose was the less onerous post of auditor to the dean and chapter, undertaking that for a year he would instruct his successor, Richard Bevercotes, in the duties of his former office. Thomas Lililow was in orders, as he had succeeded dean Constable as rector of Kettlethorpe in August, 1528, and later became a prebendary and canon residentiary, but Richard Bevercotes, who succeeded him, was a layman, and is described as "generosus," or gentleman.

Another lay official was the seneschal or steward of the Galilee Court, so called because held in the Galilee Porch of the cathedral. Richard Hunston, who was appointed to this post 7 March, 1527-8, was given authority in the terms of the grant over all temporal courts in all the demesnes and manors of the chapter (except at Navenby), and to act as coroner within their liberties. As a part of his salary, besides a small fixed stipend and the customary fees, he was to receive yearly a robe or livery of the second cloth. This seems to mark his office as one of only secondary importance, but a common stipulation in all these grants of office was that the official should receive annually a robe or gown of the suit and vesture of the grantee's servants or of his gentlemen.

Another, styled janitor or constable of the Close, and principal watchman, had charge of the many gate-houses by which the Close was then protected, having no doubt porters under him in charge of the several gates. Several persons are here mentioned as holding this office in succession, the most noteworthy of them being Richard Laveroke, who died February, 1533-4. In his will, here inserted, he is described as gentleman, and its contents show him to have been a person of considerable means, out of which he leaves legacies to the dean and canons, the old and young vicars, and all the clerks and officials connected with the minster, together with careful directions for his burial and the masses to be said for his soul. One of his two daughters was the wife of Peter Effard, the chapter clerk.

Many appointments to the office of seneschal or steward of various manors are recorded here. Some of these are for the dean and chapter's own manors, as for that of Paxton in January, 1523, but many more are by the bishop for his manors, which required confirmation by the dean and chapter, and so come to be entered here. Many of these last grants were to noblemen or other persons of importance, such as the grant of the seneschalship of Dorchester and Thame to Sir John Daunce in 1524, or of Banbury to the Duke of Suffolk in 1529, or of Stow to Lord Burgh in 1532, or of Newark to the Earl of Rutland in 1534. In such cases a bailiff was appointed by the bishop, by whom the actual work was done, while the noble seneschal received a fee, and by the influence of his name and authority assisted in the collection of the manorial dues. A similar practice was adopted by the religious houses, who found it to their advantage to appoint as their steward some influential layman, to whom they paid an honorary fee.

It was a part of the prerogative of the dean and chapter to grant probate of wills, or administration of the goods of intestates, in the case of persons dying within their jurisdiction, that is, within what is here called the old minster fee, or ancient endowment of the cathedral, or on the prebendal estates, though several of the prebendaries had peculiars with probate courts of their own. Many of these wills are copied in full

amongst the Chapter Acts, and are not the least interesting of their contents, as throwing light on the customs and feelings of the time. Among the more important of these are the wills of archdeacon William Smyth, proved in full chapter 11 July, 1528; of John Heneage of Hainton, esq., father of the dean, proved at the vestry-door, 26 July, 1530; of Nicholas Bradbridge, the chancellor, proved in the choir, 16 March, 1532-3; of Richard Laveroke, gent., constable of the close, already mentioned, proved in the chapter-house, 7 February, 1533-4; and of John Hall, a chantry-priest of the cathedral, who makes mention of several sons and daughters, born presumably before his entrance into orders, proved also in the chapter-house on 28 August, 1534. In the case of dean Constable, there was a conflict as to jurisdiction between the sub-dean and chapter on the one hand, and Cardinal Wolsey as papal legate and archbishop Warham as primate on the other. On 18 July, 1528, the dean's executors obtained licence to defer the proof till the question of right should be decided, and no further notice of his will is found here. In all cases the testator begins with a commendation of his soul to God Almighty, the blessed Virgin, and all the holy company of heaven, with the strange omission of any mention of the Saviour. It is remarkable how numerous are the legacies of what we may call an ecclesiastical character. Mortuaries to the parish priest in the form of the best beast or best gown, sums of money in lieu of tithes forgotten, payments for obits or masses to be sung for a stipulated period, doles to be distributed among the clergy or the poor present at the burial, legacies to the high altar or some chantry in the deceased's parish church, as well as to the high altar and what is called the Lady warke at the cathedral, occur repeatedly in every will of any length and importance. The frequent legacies moreover to the four orders of friars at Lincoln show that this class at least of monastic institution had not lost its popularity up to the very eve of their suppression.

From time to time the dean and chapter issued a commission to some official, commonly the registrar of the archdeaconry, to collect such legacies as might be left to the cathedral in the several archdeaconries, together with the pentecostals, vulgarly known as the Lincoln or smoke farthings, which were customary payments contributed at Whitsuntide from every parish in the diocese as a token of subjection and affection towards the mother church of Lincoln. Such commissions were issued for the archdeaconries of Buckingham and of Oxford in August, 1523, and for Leicester in April, 1528. In September, 1532, Thomas Morgan, registrar of the archdeaconry of Northampton, accounted for a sum of £6 collected by him for pentecostals and legacies within that archdeaconry during the two years from 24 November, 1528, to the same day in 1530. Of this sum 4s. 8d. was allowed to Mr. Morgan for his trouble, and of the remainder one-half was allotted to the fabric of the cathedral, one quarter to the treasurer, and the remaining quarter, viz. 28s. 10d. was divided among the canons in residence. A similar account from the archdeaconry of Huntingdon, rendered in January, 1532-3, shows that Simon Kent the registrar and collector had received £5 15s. 3½d. under these two heads within a period of about three years.

For the conveyance of their regular and formal correspondence and documents the dean and chapter had the services of two official messengers, one for the southern, and one for the northern, parts, whose appointments we find entered from time to time. The nomination also

of a Bible reader, or Bible clerk at Lincoln College, was in their hands, and one of the number of their poor clerks was usually sent by them to the rector and fellows of the college to fill this post. On the other hand the appointment of the four vergers on the cathedral staff was in the hands of the bishop, by whom elaborate regulations were made for their duties at his visitation in 1539; a fifth however was known as the dean's verger, and seems to have been nominated by him.

It is somewhat surprising to find serfdom still prevalent at this late period of our history, three instances of formal manumission being recorded during the sixteen years over which these Acts extend, and these are by no means the last. All of these are cases of serfs—*nałivi*—on the bishop's manors, for whom a formal deed under the bishop's seal, with a confirmation under the seal of the dean and chapter, was needed to admit them to the state and rights of free men. In each case the grant is prefaced by a pre-ambule stating that whereas nature had made all men free, but the law of man had reduced some to servitude, it was a praiseworthy deed to restore such to their pristine state of liberty. In two instances the boon is granted on account of the good service rendered, or to be rendered, by the serf to the bishop and the church; in the third it is that the serf may be qualified to marry a woman of free birth, who otherwise would be reduced to her husband's condition of servitude.

Perhaps as interesting as the more regularly recurring entries are the occasional pieces of information that from time to time are inserted. Such are the list of relics belonging to St. Hugh's shrine in December, 1520, unfortunately not complete, the licence for bishop Longland's chapel in 1528, the gift of 12 books, evidently considered a valuable present, by the keeper of St. Peter's chapel on his resignation in 1526, and the similar legacies of a silver chalice and paten by Charles Booth, bishop of Hereford, a former prebendary, in 1528, and of two silken copes by John Cutler, a former treasurer, in 1532, both in evident remembrance of their past connection with our cathedral, and the provident securing of a sepulchral slab for himself by chancellor Massingberd in 1533, more than twenty years before his death.

Very remarkable however is the reticence of these Chapter Acts, or the slight allusion that they make to the many important changes in church and state during the sixteen years over which they extend. During the earlier of these years Wolsey's influence as archbishop, cardinal, legate, and lord chancellor had been predominant. He had been for some years dean and for some months bishop of Lincoln, and as lord chancellor he presented more than once to the Ravenser chantry in the cathedral. Yet the only other allusion to him here is the bare entry of the sealing on 24 July, 1529, of a certain tripartite indenture concerning the lord cardinal's college at Oxford. His fall and death in the November of that year was followed by what is termed the submission of the clergy in 1532, when they had to purchase pardon for their alleged incurrence of a *præmunire* by the payment of an outrageous fine. It must have pressed heavily on every member of the chapter, who cannot but have felt the injustice of it, yet we can only conjecture that a payment of £100 by the dean and chapter for the king's use in May, 1531, was as a part of this exorbitant tax. On 5 August, 1534, the dean and all the members of the cathedral staff, to the number of seventy-two, formally

subscribed their names, under the common seal of the chapter, to the Act, 26 Henry VIII, settling the succession to the throne in the king's children by Ann Boleyn, acknowledging the royal supremacy over the church, and repudiating the pretended authority of the bishop of Rome, but no mention is made of so important a matter in the Chapter Acts, although so recently as 1532 one of the dignitaries was ready to make urgent appeal to the apostolic see on so trivial a matter as the grant of a pension to a superannuated brother-canon. For some time before this volume closes Cromwell's commissioners had been carrying on their notorious visitation of the religious houses, which paved the way for the suppression of the lesser monasteries in February, 1536; two of the prebendaries of the cathedral, John London and Thomas Bedyll, and one of its archdeacons, Dr. Richard Layton, were amongst his most zealous and unscrupulous agents; as many as 37 houses in Lincolnshire alone, with a rental of more than £3000 a year, were ruthlessly blotted out from the church life of the diocese, yet we find no hint here that any such measure was in progress. There is an entry indeed on 11 September, 1535, of the delivery of the goods and jewels in the vestries to Master Henry Litherland as treasurer, but we are left to guess whether this was the ordinary proceeding on the admission of a new treasurer into office, or whether it was preparatory to the inventory made by Henry VIII's order in 1536, when *abrepto thesauro desiit thesaurarii munus*. The present volume ends with the chapter year on 14 September, 1536. It was on the very first days of the following October, that the Lincolnshire insurrection, stirred up by the suppression of the monasteries which men were witnessing, and the spoiling of their churches which they anticipated, blazed out at Louth, Caistor and Horncastle. At this last place the bishop's vicar-general and chancellor, Dr. John Rayne, whose name we find here as prebendary, as proctor to convocation, and as appointed vicar-general in March, 1533-4, met his death at the hands of insurgents on October 3. During the following week Lincoln with the Close and the chapter-house itself was at their mercy, but it must be left for the next volume to show what traces of these startling events remain in the minutes of the dean and chapter.

To the present dean and chapter the sincere thanks of all interested in the past history of the church are due for their permission thus to make public the records of their predecessors' acts.

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CHAPTER ACTS.

[CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ST. MARY OF LINCOLN, FROM THE MONDAY AFTER
THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY
CROSS, 17 SEPTEMBER, A.D. 1520.]

[The first ten folios, containing the Chapter Acts of about six weeks, are missing, so that the present volume begins abruptly on folio 11. The edges moreover of the earliest existing folios are worn away, causing the gaps which will be noted in some of the earlier entries.]

Folio 11.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS JOHNSON, OF WELLINGORE—
On the same day and place before the same gentlemen of the chapter (*dominis capitularibus*) was proved the will of Thomas Johnson, late of Wellingour, deceased, and administration of all his goods within their jurisdiction was committed to Agnes his relict, the executrix nominated therein.

DEPRIVATION OF VICARS' PROVOST—On Chapter-day, viz., Saturday, 27 October, 1520, in the chapter-house, the precentor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and [Talbot] being assembled chapter-wise, the dean being absent without the city, and the chancellor [suffering] from infirmity, the precentor as president, in the name (*vice*) and by the authority of the chapter [deprived of] his habit *Dom*¹ . . . Bateman, provost of the senior vicars, who appeared in person, forasmuch as he entirely and expressly has declined or refused (*renuit sive recusavit*) to take the oath to note faithfully the defaults of the vicars and to exhibit them to the dean and chapter or, in the dean's absence, to the president, according to the statutes and laudable customs hitherto in use.

¹ The Latin word *Dominus* is used with so many different shades of meaning, as applied to different ranks of men, that it is difficult in all cases to find a proper equivalent for it in English. In its fullest sense it is applied to the lord king, or the lord bishop, or to any nobleman. In a lower sense we find it in such phrases as *Domine Decane*, or *Domini capitulares*, which we render now as Mr. Dean, or the Gentleman of the Chapter; or it is used by a vicar of the prebendary whose stall he filled, or by a proctor of the principal whom he represented. In a still lower sense it is given, as so frequently here, as a simple term of respect to any clerk in orders who was not entitled by the possession of an academical degree to the higher style of Master. It might have been rendered by our conventional use of Mr., had not that been already appropriated. Its older English rendering was as *Dan*, or *Sir*, as may be seen in many of the English wills which follow: but *Dan* has now become quite obsolete, and the modern restriction of Sir to the rank of knight or baronet makes its use misleading. It has been thought better therefore to retain the Latin term under its contracted form of *Dom*.

And on the 28th of the same month in parley (*in parviloquio*) after Vespers, in the presence of [the precentor], archdeacon of Stow, Massingberd and Talbott, assembled chapter-wise, the dean being absent, and the chancellor being, as is believed, in his own residence-house, the said Bateman, the provost, appeared, and the chapter [restored him] to his habit, as before, and straightway he took the oath to note faithfully the defaults of the vicars, and to exhibit them to the dean and chapter, as above.

Mem : That on November 3, the dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise in their chapter-house let to farm to Mr. John . . . [*incomplete*].

Also at the same time, etc., before the same members of the chapter, was proved the will of [John] Eston, late one of the chaplains of the works (*fabrice*), and administration was committed to Thomas Eston, the executor, who took the oath accordingly.

The tenor of the aforesaid will is as follows : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* The ixth day of May in the yere of our . . . I, sir John Eston, chauntrie preest of Wark chauntrie in the . . . ladye of Lyncoln, of hole mynd and gode memorie, maketh my . . . last Will in maner forme folowing. First, I bequeth . . . Almighty, our blessed lady Saynct Mary, and to all . . . heven, and my body to be buried within the said cath . . . in the south eyle at the feete of the sepulcre of Sir . . . of the churche aforesaid. Also [*Folio 11d.*] I bequeth for my . . . Will that I have an Obit doon in the said cathedral churche, and iijl. to be distributed soo that chauntre preests have vjd. a peice. Also I will that Henry Eston my fadyr have my best furred gown. Also I will that John Eston my brother have [*blank*] to help hym when he cometh furth of the choristers if he wilbe preest, or els to have no penny thereon. Also I bequeth to the iiij orders of freres of Lincoln to doo a trentall for my soule and all my benefactors xiijs. iiijd. Also I bequeth to Henry Eston, my godson, a sylver spone and iij yowe shepe with iij lammes. Also I will to Mary Magdalen churche in the close of Lincoln iijs. iiijd. Also I bequeth to Hugh Eston xiijs. iiijd. Also I bequeth to Christopher Eston vjs. viijd. Also I will that a preest syng for me and all my benefactors half a yere and to say *Placebo* and *Dirige* daily, and to his stipend ls. Also I will that John Eston my brother have my Indenture of my garthyn in Estgate and my bokes with more large reward if it may be born. The Residue of all my goods not bequethed, my dettes payd, and my funerall expenses doon, I give and bequeth to Thomas Eston, my brother naturall, whom I ordeyn and make myn executor to dispose for the helth of my soule as he shall thynk moost expedient. And of this my testament and last Will I orden and make Maister Nicholas Bradebrige, maister chauncellor, the supervisor of this my testament, and tutor to John Eston, my brother naturall, and to have for his labor and busynes xs. In wittnes whereof I have subscribed this my testament or last Will with myn owne hand.

This Wittnes' Sir William Horner, Sir John Coke, Sir William Johnson, Sir Henry Longdall, and Robert Dawson, bell-Ringer, [and other] moo. Given the day and yere abov-said.

Mem : That on 13 November, 1520, the dean and canons residentiary, except the canon celebrating in the choir, were assembled chapter-

wise at the door of the vestry, and before them then appeared Robert Doding, provost of the junior vicars, who took the oath faithfully to note the defaults of the vicars choral, as well in the day as in the nocturnal offices, and to exhibit or recite them every Saturday in full chapter before the dean and chapter, or before the president of the chapter in the absence of the dean, according to the statutes and laudable customs of the church hitherto in use.

On the same day and place the dean and chapter admitted [*blank*] to be one of the junior vicars choral, who took the oaths in the accustomed form.

On 19 November the dean and chapter (except the archdeacon of Stowe who was ministering in the choir) being assembled chapter-wise at the door of the vestry [decreed] that the parish church of Haynton should be visited by Master Robert Neuton, and letters were issued in the name of the dean and chapter to appear on the Tuesday after . . . next to undergo such visitation.

Folio 12.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ALICE CLERC OF WELLINGOVER—Mem: That on 19 November, 1520, before Master Nicholas Bradebrige, chancellor, and provost of the dean and chapter, was proved the will of Alice Clerc, late of the parish of Wellingore, deceased, and administration of all her goods within the jurisdiction of the chapter was committed to Thomas Thompson, the executor nominated therein.

FOR THE CANONS' MAJOR RESIDENCE—On chapter-day, Saturday, 1 December, 1520, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Christopher Massyngberd and [John] Talbott, canons residentiary, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and forming a chapter, ordained and unanimously decreed that any canon residentiary being for the time in major residence in the cathedral, according to the statutes and laudable customs of the church, at whatever time of the year during his residence he shall decess or die, shall receive and have commons (*communas*¹), wines (*vina*²), obits and all other profits, commodities, and emoluments which pertain, or ought to pertain, to a canon in major residence, up to the day of his death.

[Signed] Joh'es Constable. S. G. al. F. Nicholaus Bradbrige.
Edwardus Darby. C. Massyngberd.

PORTION OF A CANON IN RESIDENCE—At the same time, &c., they unanimously decreed and ordained that every canon being in major residence for the whole time of his residence shall each year, whether absent or present, have an entire canon's portion of all and singular the collations, institutions and inductions to dignities, prebends and vicarages, as well as to hospitals and chantries, and of fines of Wills under the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, with the fees of confirmations to be sealed with the [common] Seal.

[Signed] Joh'es Constable. S. G. al. F. Nicholaus Bradbrige.
Edwardus Darby. C. Massyngberd.

¹ *Communa*: commons, the share of each resident canon in the common fund or property of the cathedral.

² *Vina*: wines, an allowance for wine made to those taking part in the services on certain feasts. A table of the amounts ranging from 3*d.* for the canon celebrating mass, to 1*d.*, each for the lay-sacrist and his assistant, is printed in Bradshaw & Wordsworth's *Cathedral Statutes*, part ii, ccxxvi.

ADVOWSONS OF BENEFICES, INDENTURES, ETC.—In like manner they ordained and decreed that whensoever the advowsons of any rectory, vicarage, chantry, or other ecclesiastical benefice, or indentures or leases of capitular churches or lands should be granted by the chapter in future, such advowsons, indentures, or leases to farm should by no means be sealed in future with the common seal, unless before their sealing they be first read in full chapter on some chapter-day before the canons residentiary then forming a chapter, and be subscribed with the names of each of the canons then present in chapter in their own hands, otherwise such advowsons, indentures and leases to be null and of no effect, Provided that if any one, having in his hands and custody the common seal, shall cause any writing to be sealed contrary to the aforesaid ordinance, he shall so often forfeit and pay forty pounds of lawful money of England without delay, the decree none the less remaining in force.

[Signed] Joh'es Constable. S. G. *al.* F. Nicolaus Bradbrige.
Edwardus [*torn off*].

Folio 12d.

INDENTURE OF THE PARSONAGE OF SKELDINGHOP.—This Indenture made witnesseth that the dean and chapitre of the cathedral church of our Ladie of Lincoln with the consentt and assentt of S^r John Hawmond Master and chauntrie preist of the hospitall and chauntrie in the Hospitall of the strete in the countie of Lincoln fownded, have graunted demised and to ferme latten unto Thomas Gregson of Kyrton in Lyndesey in the said countie, and Thomas Hawmond of Skeldinghop in the countie aforesaid, yomen, ther parsonaige of Skeldinghop byforsaid to the said hospitall and chauntrie belonging, with all and singuler tiethis oblaçons mortuaries landes medues pastures feding-places turbaries with all other prouffets and commodities and emoluments to the said parsonaige howe soo ever apperteinyng or belonging, (The patronage and presentaçon to the Vicarege ther as oft as it shalbe voyd, and the porcion of the Vicarie for the tyme being alwey reserved and except,) To have and hold the said parsonage with all and singuler premisses, except the bifor excepts, to the said Thomas Gregson and Thomas Hawmond and ther assignes from the feist of Saynt Marc Evangelist next folowing after date hereof unto thend and terme of twentie and one yeres then next and immediatly folowing fully to be complete and ended, Paying therfor and yelding yerly unto the said dean and chapitre and ther successors or the Master of the said hospitall and chauntre of Spittell othe Strete for y^e tyme being xxvjs. viij*d.* of lafull mony of England at the feistes of Saynt Michell tharkaungell and Saynt Marc Evangelist by even porcions. And the said Thomas Gregson and Thomas Hawmond promisseth and by thies presents graunte that they and ther assignes shall yerly during the terme aforesaid pay or cause to be payd to the Vicar of Skeldinghop for y^e tyme being in the name of his Vicarye Sex pounds xvjs. iiij*d.* lafull mony of England at the feist of Estur called Pasch day, Saynt Peter called Advinclia, Saynt Martyne in Winter, and the feist of the Purification of our Lady by even porcions. And the said Thomas Gregson and Thomas Hawmond promisseth and by thies presents graunteth y^t they and ther assignes from yer to yer during the said terme shall as well supporte maynteyne and bere at ther costes and charges all manner charges of reparaçons of the said parsonage of Skeldinghop with all y^e

appurtynances howe so ever belonging, As also pay supporte and bere all other charges and duties, ordinary and extraordinary to y^e same church and parsonaige of Skeldinghop with y^e appurtynances howe so ever appertenyng or belonging, And if it happen the said Rente of xxvjs. viijd., or the said porcion of vjl. xvjs. iiijd. in parte or in all to be behynde unpaid after any feist abovesaid in which it awght to be paid by the space of oon monthe, y^e then shalbe lafull to y^e said dean and chapitre or ther successors, or to the Master and chauntre preist of the said hospitall and chauntre for tyme being, or ther deputies in ther names in to y^e parsonaige of Skeldinghop with y^e appurtynances to entre and distreyne, and the distresse soo taken to lede, drive and cary away, and them to hold untill suche tyme as the said rentt of xxvjs. viijd., and porcion of vjl. xvjs. iiijd., with arreiages, if any be behynd, be fully content and paid. And if it happen that the rentt of xxvjs. viijd. or porcion of vjl. xvjs. iiijd. in parte or in all to be [behynde un]-paid after any feist abovesaid at whiche it aught to be paid for the space of two months, that [Folio 13] then it shalbe lafull to the said dean and chapitre and ther successors, and to y^e master and chauntre preist of the said hospitall and chauntre for tyme being, or ther deputies in ther names, in to the said parsonage of Skeldinghop with the appurtynances to entre and in to ther handes to take againe, And the said Thomas Gregson and Thomas Hawmond and ther assignes from the same to expell put furth and remove away, this Indenture in anywise notwithstanding, Provided alwey that if the said Thomas Gregson and Thomas Hawmond and ther assignes well and truly perform observe and kepe on ther behalve all and singuler covenants and articles above-rehersed and every parte thereof during the said terme of xxj yeres that then the said dean and chapitre with consent expressed of the said chauntre preist are content and graunte that at ende and terme of the said xxj yeres, if the said Thomas and Thomas or ther assignes come bifor the chapitre of Lincoln then for tyme being at convenient time shall take and have to ferme the said parsonage by Indenture for xxj yeres next folowing in manner and forme rehersed.

In wittnes whereof the parties abovesaid to thies Indentures have put to ther Seales. Yeven at Lincoln the first day of December, the yere of our Lord God 1520, And the xijth yere of the Reigne of King Henry the viijth.

INDENTURE OF THE PARSONAGE OF SOUTH LEVERTON—This Indenture made the iiijth day of December, 1520, betwixt Mr John Constable, dean of the Cath: church of Lincoln, of the oon partie, and Alixaunder Nevyle, of South Leverton, in the countie of Notingham, Esq., and Dorothee his wife, of the other partie, Witnesseth, that the said John Constable, dean of Lincoln hath graunted dimised and to ferme letten unto the said Alixaunder Nevile and Dorothee his wif and to ether of them longer living the parsonage of South Leverton aforsaid with all and singuler tithe corne hay woll and lames landes medues pastures feeding places turbaryes rentes services with all other commodities to the same parsonage with the appurtynances howe so ever belonging (The presentation to the Vicarage ther als oft as it shalbe voyde, the pension of the church of Claworth . . . in the same towne of Claworth to the dean of Lincoln belonging alwey reserved and except,) To have and to hold the said parsonage of South Leverton with all and singuler the premisses, except the befor except, to the said Alixaunder Nevile and

Dorothee his wif, as is afor-rehersed, and ther assigns from the feist of the Nativity of Saynt John Baptist next folowing after the date herof unto the end and terme of fourtie and oon yeres then next and immediately folowing fully to be completed and ended, paying and yelding therfor yerly unto the said M^r John Constable, dean of Lincoln, and his successors, deanyes of Lincoln, at Lincoln, twentye pounds of lefull mony of England, at the feist of the Purification of our Lady and the Nativity of Saynt John Baptist by even porcions, And overthat the said Alixaunder and Dorothee graunteth and by thes presents bindeth them and ther assigns to pay during the terme aforesaid unto the Vicar of South Leverton for tyme being Fourtie Shillings of lefull mony of England in the name of one augmentaçon of the said Vicarie at the said feists of the Purification of our Lady and the Nativity of Saynt John Baptist by even porcions, And if it happen the said augmentaçon in parte or in the hole to be behynde unpayd after [*Folio 13d.*] any feists that it aught to be payd at by the space of one monthe that then it shalbe lefull unto the said M^r John Constable dean of Lincoln and his successors or ther mynystres in ther name in to the said parsonage and every parcell therof to entre and distreyn, and the distresses so taken to lede drive and cary away, and anenst them self to hold unto the tyme that the said Rent and augmentaçon with the arierages, if any be behynd, be fully content and paid. And if it happen the said Rent or augmentaçon in parte or in the hole be behynde unpayd by the space of thre months after any of the feists that it aught to be paid at, that then it shalbe lefull to the said M^r John Constable, dean of Lincoln and his successors, or ther mynystres in ther name, in to the said parsonage with the appurtynces to re-entre, and in to his or ther handes to take againe, and the said Alixaunder Nevile and Dorothee his wif and ther assigns from the same to expell put furth and remove away, this Indenture in any thing notwithstanding. And the said Alixaunder Nevile and Dorothee his wif promisseth and by thies presents graunteth that they and ther assigns shall from yere to yere maynten supporte and bere at ther propre costes and charges all and singuler reparaçons of stray thakk and mudwall to the said parsonage with the appurtynces belonging during the terme aforesaid, and in the end of the terme them sufficiently repared shall leve. And the said John Constable promisseth and by thies presents graunteth that he and his successors shall supporte and bere as well all manner other reparaçons before not expressed as all manner charges ordinary and extraordinary to the said parsonage of South Leverton howe so ever belonging. In Wittnes wherof the parties abovsaid to thes Indentures hath interchangeably put to ther seales. Yeven at Lincoln the day and yere abovsaid.

Confirmation of the above-expressed lease of the rectory of South Leverton, with the exceptions stated, with the unanimous consent and assent of the dean and chapter. Dated in their chapter-house at Lincoln, 8 Dec., 1520.

Mem : That on 15 Dec., 1520, the dean and all the canons residentiary, assembled in the chapter-house, let to farm to Richard Waynwright the lordship or manor of Gretwell with appurtenances for a term of 27 years according to the tenor of certain Indentures made between the dean and chapter and the said Richard Waynwright. And the said Indenture was subscribed by the hands of the canons residentiary, one and all.

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ADMISSION OF JOHN COOKE TO THE OFFICE OF SUB-PROVOST—Mem: That on 17 Dec., 1520, the dean, precentor, chancellor, arch-deacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, being assembled together chapter-wise in their common chamber, admitted *Dom.* John Cooke, pbr., to the office of Sub-Provost, who took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and faithfully to keep secret what should be kept secret, to preserve their muniments, and not to hand them over nor alienate them to anyone nor to permit copies to be taken of them, without leave of the chapter.

INDUCTION OF ROBERT CHAPMAN TO A CHANTRY AT DRYBY.—On 18 Dec., the dean and chapter assembled chapter-wise at the door of the vestry, the chancellor ministering in the choir, admitted *Dom.* Robert Chapman as chantry-priest at the altar of the Holy Trinity founded in the church of Dryby, vacant by the resignation of *Dom.* — Sampson, last chaplain, by reason of his exchange of the said chantry for the parish church of Dryby, and instituted him in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, on his taking the oath of canonical obedience according to the tenor of that foundation, and to observe faithfully all its rules and regulations.

INDUCTION OF WILLIAM HAWKYN TO THE VICARAGE OF BRAMPTON—On 20 Dec., the dean, chancellor and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise at the door of the vestry, admitted *Dom.* William Hawkyn, chaplain, to the perpetual vicarage of the prebendal church of Brampton, and caused him to be inducted, etc.

RELIKES JEWELS & OTHER STUFF BELONGING TO SEINT HUGH HEYD DELIVERED TO S^r WILL^m JOHNSON THE XXVII DAY OF NOVEMBER—Furst, the hede of Seint Hugh closed in silver gilt and enamelled. It'm the Mytre of Seint Hugh of silver gilt and enamelled. It'm the Pontificall of Seint Hugh of gold with certeyn stones & relykes. It'm, a ring of gold with a ston & written Ecce Lig[um]. It'm, iiij rynges of gold with iiij preciose stones belonging to the same hede. It'm, . . . of gold. It'm, thre old nobles & two ducats of gold nailed upon the br[edth of] Seint Hugh hede. It'm, a rynge of gold with one oriaunt saphir standing on top of the mytre of Seint Hugh heid. Item, two plaites of gold with thre stones. [*Note in margin,* Thes two plaites of gold with iij stones in them er putt upon the shryne.] It'm, two braunches of gold with a braunch of corall . . . shryn. It'm, a Chales of Seint Hughe, silver & gilt, with the patten broken. It'm, a toyth of Seint Hugh closed in byrall with silver & gilt. It'm, oyle of Seint Hugh in birrall closed with silver & gilt. It'm, two crewettes of birrall closed in silver & gilt, with covers, the one lowse. It'm, two crewettes of birrall closed in silver gilt with ij caises for them. Item, ij stones of birrill. It'm, a saphir paile. It'm, a litill blode stone. It'm, ij qwysshyns of silk, one of them of rede satten browderd with byrds & beistes of gold. It'm, *Legenda de temporalibus et de sanctis incompleta*. It'm, a booke called *Collectorium*. It'm, a booke called *Cum animadverterem cum commentario*. It'm, a chist with one old cloth upon it with collers rede blew & gren. It'm, one old cloth called Seint Hugh hede cloth. It'm, one alter cloth of yelow silk. It'm, ij candil-stickes of powder. It'm,

[*blank*] candilstikes of wod. It'm, a bake stoill. It'm, a case to cary candils in. It'm, a booke of Seint Hugh life cheyned. It'm, a booke of Sermonnes called . . . ¹

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INSTITUTION OF THOMAS PLANKNEY TO THE RAVENSER CHANTRY—On 24 Dec., 1520, in parley (*in parviloquio*) after vespers in the choir, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, admitted *Dom.* Thomas Plankney, to the chantry called Ravenser chantry, founded in the chapel of St. Giles in the cathedral, on the presentation of the Most Rev. Thomas, Cardinal Presbyter of the Holy Roman Church by the title of St. Cecilia, Archbishop of York, Legate *a latere* of the Apostolic See, Primate of England, and Chancellor, by virtue of his office of chancellor²; the said Thomas Plankney then and there taking the oath of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes and ordinances and laudable customs of the said foundation.

ADMISSION OF *DOM.* JOHN HEGHLAY TO THE OFFICE OF HOSPITAL CLERK—On 31 Dec., 1520, before John Constable, dean, Simon Green *als.* Fotherby, precentor, Nicholas Bradebrige, chancellor, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, Christopher Massingberd and John Talbot, canons residentiary, assembled chapter-wise in parley after vespers in the choir, the following letters were exhibited: 'To the Ven^{ble} the dean and chapter of the cathedral, John, prior, and the convent of St. Katherine without Lincoln, with all due reverence and honour—To the office of hospital clerk in your church of Lincoln, vacant by cession of Thomas Plankney, late incumbent thereof, and belonging to our presentation, we present to you *Dom.* John Heghlay, pbr. and vicar-choral in the said church, humbly praying that you would admit him to the same with all its rights and privileges. Sealed with our common seal, and dated in our chapter-house, 30 Dec., 1520.' After the reception and reading of these letters the dean and chapter admitted the said John Heghlay to the aforesaid office, and he took the oaths that he would execute it in all things to the utmost of his power according to the laudable custom of the said church.

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Done and executed in the presence of me, Thomas Little, notary public, and chapter-clerk, *pro-tunc*.

INDUCTION OF RICHARD MARSTON TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGOVER—On chapter-day, Saturday, 12 January, 1520, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, inducted, and caused to be inducted, *Dom.* Richard Marston into the vicarage of Wellingover, to which he had been instituted by William, bp. of Lincoln, on the presentation of the said dean and chapter, in the course of Master Simon Green *als.* Fotherby, precentor. And the said Richard took the

¹ Printed by the late Precentor Venables as an Appendix to his Paper on 'The Shrine and Head of St. Hugh', in the *Assoc. Societies Reports and Papers*, Vol. XXI, pp. 131-151.

² Thomas Wolsey, Dean of Lincoln, 2 Feb., 1509; Preb. of Welton Brinkall, 28 Feb., and of Stow Longa, 3 May, 1509; Dean of York, 19 Feb., 1513; Bishop of Lincoln, 26 March, 1514; Archbishop of York, and Cardinal by the title of S. Cæcilia *trans Tiberim*, Sept., 1514; Lord Chancellor, 24 Dec., 1514. He was deprived of the Great Seal in October, and died 29 November, 1530.

oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and of personal residence.

ADMISSION OF THOMAS ALYS TO THE OFFICE OF CHAPTER-CLERK.—

On Saturday, 19 Jan., the above-named members of the chapter, assembled chapter-wise in parley after vespers in the choir, admitted Master Thomas Alys, LL.B., and notary-public, to the office of chapter-clerk and notary, vacant by death of M^r John Carter, with all its rights and appurtenances; and then and there they unanimously granted to the said Master Thomas their letters-patent for the performance of that office by himself or his sufficient deputy, together with all and singular the fees, wages, and emoluments thereto belonging. And the said Master Thomas Alys, then and there, before the said dean and chapter, took his corporal oath on the holy gospels, as follows—I, Thomas Alys, admitted clerk and scribe of the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, swear on these holy gospels that I will be true and faithful to you, that I will keep secret the secrets of the chapter, and will maintain and observe your capitular rights to the utmost of my power, and will knowingly write and enter nothing in my acts, registers, or protocols, whereby your chapter-rights may in any wise be injured or diminished, or may accrue to any other, but will shew myself fair and fairly favourable (*equalem et equaliter faventem*) to you, the dean and chapter, and by no means partial, *quantum deus dederit*, and will faithfully fulfil that office, so help me God and these holy gospels.

Folio 15d.

INDUCTION OF THOMAS FLOURE TO THE KING'S CHANTRY—On 10 Jan., 1520, the dean, precentor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, being assembled chapter-wise at the altar called Peall Alter, letters of presentation by our lord the king were exhibited, as follows, *Henricus, Dei gratia, &c.* On authority of which the dean and chapter admitted *Dom.* Thomas Floure, vicar-choral, to the king's chantry, vacant by cession of *Dom.* Thomas Plankney, last chaplain, at the altar of St. John Baptist in the cathedral, with all its rights and appurtenances. And he then took the oaths of canonical obedience, and observance of the rules of the said foundation.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE VACANCY OF THE SEE—Mem: That on 4 Feb., 1520, the Rev. father in Christ, the lord William Atwatter, late bishop of Lincoln, died at his manor of Wouborn. Of whose death the dean and chapter, viz., John Constable dean, Simon Green *als.* Foderbye precentor, Nicholas Bradebrige chancellor, Edward Derby archdeacon of Stowe, Christopher Massingberd and John Talbot canons residentiary, having been certified by the letters of Master Richard Mabot on 8 February at 5 p.m., after notification of his death, the said members of the chapter, being assembled chapter-wise in their chapter-house, then and there according to the form and effect of a certain composition entered into between the archbp. of Canterbury and the dean and chapter of Lincoln, and of ancient use, nominated Masters Simon Green *als.* Foderby, precentor, Nicholas Bradebrige, chancellor, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, and John Talbot, canon-residentiary, to the archbishop, that out of them he might appoint one as official and custodian of the spiritualities of the diocese of Lincoln during the vacancy of the see. The tenor of their letter addressed to the archbishop is as follows:

To the most Rev. Father in Christ, the lord William,¹ by Divine permission Archbp. of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolic See, your humble and devoted sons in Christ, John Constable, Dean, and the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary of Lincoln, with all due obedience [*Folio 16.*] reverence and honour. Whereas the said Cathedral Church is destitute of pastoral care through the natural death of the lord William Atwatter, late its Bishop, as with sorrow we relate, We, the aforesaid dean and chapter, nominate the four venerable and discreet persons, our brethren, Masters Simon Green *als.* Foderby, precentor, Nicholas Bradebrige, s.t.p., chancellor, Edward Derbye, M.A., archdeacon of Stowe, and John Talbott, s.t.p. *et in medicinis professorem*, canons residentiary of our church, in as much as we have been certified within two days of the vacancy of the said church, according to the force, form and effect of a certain composition formerly made between the lord Boniface, of happy memory, formerly archbp. of Canterbury, your predecessor, and the dean and chapter of Lincoln, and to this day used and observed. And their names with all becoming celerity we make known and transmit to your paternity, humbly praying that you would deign to choose one of them to prefer and constitute as official and guardian of the spiritualities of Lincoln to exercise episcopal jurisdiction during the whole time of the vacancy of the See according to the force, form and tenor of the Composition aforesaid. And may your most Reverend Paternity long live and fare well. In witness whereof we have hereto affixed our common seal *ad causas*. Dated in our chapter-house at Lincoln, 9 Febuary, 1520.

Afterwards, viz., on February 23, in the chapter-house, before the dean, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, assembled chapter-wise, appeared Master Simon Green *als.* Foderby, the precentor, and then and there exhibited a certain commission or letters commissary of the archbishop in these words :

William, by Divine permission, Archbp. of Canterbury, Primate of all England, and Legate of the Apostolic See, to our beloved in Christ Master Simon Green *als.* Foderby, s.t.p., precentor and canon-residentiary of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary of Lincoln, [*Folio 16d.*] Greeting, grace and benediction, Whereas the See of Lincoln is vacant by the death of William Atwater, late bishop, of revered memory, and the dean and chapter by their letters patent have nominated you and the others before-named, humbly praying that out of the four we would choose and accept one as our Official for Lincoln to exercise episcopal jurisdiction in the city and diocese of Lincoln during the vacancy of the See, according to the form of a composition long ago made between Archbp. Boniface our predecessor, of the one part, and the dean and chapter of Lincoln on the other, We therefore, having full trust and confidence in your circumspection, industry, fidelity, and probity, make choice of you among the other persons nominated to us for this office of Official for this purpose, And we promote and constitute you by these presents our Official to exercise episcopal jurisdiction in the city and diocese of Lincoln during the vacancy of the See, enjoining you lawfully to execute this office according to your corporal oath, taken on the holy gospels in our presence in accordance with the aforesaid composition, And that you render faithful account to us of all revenues accruing by

¹ William Warham, archbishop of Canterbury, 1503-1533.

reason of the said office and jurisdiction, and that you diligently perform all and every other matter which the tenor and effect of the said composition require of you, for the performance of which also we commit to you, in our place, the power of fulminating any ecclesiastical censure, collations to any ecclesiastical benefices whatever belonging to our collation by reason of the vacancy of the See in full right, or devolving in any manner, being specially reserved for ourselves. In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated at our manor of Lamehyth, 15 Feb., 1520, the 18th of our Translation.

When this Commission had been read the said Master Simon Green *als.* Fotherby, took his corporal oath then and there, on the holy gospels, before the chapter that he would faithfully and lawfully exercise the said office of Official of Lincoln during the vacancy of the See, and would do nothing by virtue of it to the prejudice of the church or chapter, or contrary to the statutes, ordinances and laudable customs thereof, and he took the other oaths as contained in the Black Book concerning the composition between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the dean and chapter. And forthwith the dean and chapter delivered to him the seal of office.

Folio 17.

ADMISSION OF THOMAS JOHNSON AS POOR CLERK—On 10 February, 1520, in parley after vespers in the choir, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, being assembled chapter-wise, according to custom, the dean then and there admitted Thomas Johnson to the office of poor clerk, who took the oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION OF M^r GEORGE HENNEGE IN HIS OWN PERSON—On 20 February, 1520, Master George Hennege, prebendary of Gretton, who had before been installed by proxy, was installed in person, and received from the clerk of the commons for his commons *xijd.*, which he delivered to Richard Laverok, constable and principal watchman, in right of his office.

CONCERNING THE CHARIOT, HORSES, AND HARNESS, WHICH BROUGHT THE BISHOP'S BODY TO LINCOLN, AND THE BLACK CLOTH—On 23 Feb., 1520, before the dean and chapter, after the burial of the body of the Rev. Father in Christ, the lord William Atwater,¹ late bishop of Lincoln, appeared Master George Hennege in the name and by mandate, as he asserted, of all the bishop's administrators, and after communication held Master George Hennege made agreement with the dean and chapter for the chariot and all the harness belonging to it, and for the six horses that drew it for six pounds to be paid to the dean and chapter, the black cloth which covered the chariot and horses being altogether reserved to them. And this black cloth was afterwards sold to Master Simon Green *als.* Fotherby, the precentor, for forty shillings. This sum of eight pounds was divided among the canons residentiary *per capita* on February 24.

¹ Bp. Atwater was buried at the west end of the nave. His monument which stood there by the side of those of bishops Alnwick and Smith, was destroyed with theirs by the Parliamentarians in 1644. Sanderson has described it for us as having six figures of saints on either side, and two escutcheons at the bishop's feet in brass. On it were inscribed eight latin elegiac verses, and round it ran the following inscription, which gives a summary of his life:—*Hic requiescit reverendus in Christo pater Willielmus Atwater, sacre theologie professor, et regum Henrici vii. et viii. sacelli prius decani; mox eorundem a consiliis: postea hujus percelebris ecclesie episcopus. Presedit annos sex, menses tres. Obiit anno etatis sue lxxxix^o, consecrationis vii^o, anno domini mccccxx^o. Die mensis Februarii quarto.*

At the same time the dean and chapter confirmed the bishop's letters-patent granting to Arthur Burgh the office of verger, which William Willesford lately held.

Folio 17d.

INDENTURE OF THE RECTORY OF CHESTERFIELD—This indenture made the 9 Feb., 1520, 12 Hen. VIII., between John Constable, dean of Lincoln, of the one part, and Edward Beresford, of Barnburgh, co. York, esq., of the other, witnesses that the said John Constable has given, granted, and to farm let, and by these presents does give, grant, and to farm let, to the said Edward and his assigns his rectory of the parish church of Chesturfeld, co. Derby, with all its tithes of corn and hay, and with all lands, meadows, pastures, rents, farms, mills, messuages, tofts, tenements, and all other commodities and profits thereto belonging, etc. (an annual payment due to the said dean and his successors, deans of Lincoln, for the vicar of the parish church of Chesturfeld for the time being, and the presentation to the said vicarage as often as it shall become vacant, as well as the woods and underwoods belonging to the dean within the parish, being altogether excepted and reserved to the said dean and his successors). And also the said John Constable has granted, etc., and hereby grants, etc., to the said Edward and his assigns the site of his manor or demesne in Little Chester, co. Derby, with all its demesne lands and houses on them, closes, meadows, pastures, etc., formerly in the tenure and occupation of William Frauncys, without any waste to be made therein. Also a fishery in the water of Derwent, opposite the site of his manor, lately in the tenure of the abbots of Derleye, To have and to hold the said rectory with all and singular the premises (except the exceptions), to the said Edward Beresford and his assigns, from the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist next after the date of these presents to the end of 45 years immediately following. And also the said site of the manor of Little Chester with all its appurtenances as William Frauncys lately held and occupied it, as well as the fishery afores^d, to the said Edward Beresford and his assigns, from the feast of St. Michael the archangel next after this date to the end of 45 years immediately following. Rendering therefor yearly to the s^d. John Constable and to his successors, deans of Lincoln, viz. for [*Folio 18*] the said rectory of Chesturfeld, etc., forty pounds of good and lawful money of England at the feasts of the Purification of St. Mary the Virgin and of the Nativity of St. John Baptist by equal portions; and for the said manor, etc., and fishery, etc., three pounds and twelve pence of lawful money of England at the feasts of Easter and St. Michael the archangel by equal portions. And the said John Constable, the dean, and his successors, will pay, undertake, support, maintain all repairs and other burdens of the said rectory and site of manor during the said term, excepting the straw-thatch, walls, leats (*liteis*) and dykes of the site of the manor of Little Chester and of all buildings pertaining to it, all of which the said Edward Beresford by these presents grants that he and his assigns during the said term will maintain and repair, and at the end of the said term will leave them sufficiently repaired at their own expense. And if it chance that the said rent of £40 for the rectory of Chesturfeld be in arrear in part or in whole for one month after the date at which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful for the said dean and his successors, or for their officers, to enter into the said rectory or any parcel thereof and

distrain, and to carry off and retain such distrain until full satisfaction and entire payment is made of the rent of £40, with the arrears, if any. And if it chance that the said rent of £40 be unpaid in part or in whole for 2 months after the date at which it ought to be paid, then the said Edward Beresford and his assigns shall forfeit 40s. by way of penalty to the said John Constable and his successors. And if it chance that the said rent of £40 be in arrear and unpaid in part or in whole for 3 months or more, the said Edward Beresford and his assigns shall forfeit 20s. for every such month by way of penalty to the said John Constable and his successors. And that then nevertheless it shall be lawful [*Folio 18d*] for them or their officers to enter into the said rectory and distrain, and to carry off and retain their distrains until full satisfaction and payment be made not only of the said £40 rent, with arrears, as of the sums of 20s. so forfeited. And if it chance that the rent of £3 and 12 pence for the site of the manor of Little Chester be in arrear for one month, etc., then it shall be lawful for the said John Constable, etc., to enter and distrain, etc., and to carry off and retain their distrains until the rent with arrears be fully satisfied. And if it chance that the said rent be in arrear and unpaid for 2 months after date, then it shall be lawful for the said John Constable and his successors, or their officers, to enter on the said site, and to expel and remove therefrom the said Edward Beresford and his assigns, this present grant or Lease notwithstanding. In witness whereof the parties to these present indentures have alternatively affixed their seals. Lincoln, the day and year abovesaid.

Confirmation of the above-written indenture by John Constable, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln cathedral, with their unanimous consent and assent. [*Folio 19*]. In witness whereof they have affixed to these presents their common seal. Dated in their chapter-house at Lincoln, 23 February, 1520.

LICENCE FOR THE CHANTRY PRIEST OF OWNESBY—On Saturday, 9 March, 1520, before the dean and chapter, then and there assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, there appeared in person *Dom.* Robert Clerc, chantry-priest of Ownesby, and craved of the dean and chapter licence and faculty to take a yearly service (*annale servitium*),¹ inasmuch as the rents and profits of his chantry were not sufficient to provide him with necessaries. And the dean and chapter granted him to accept the service for half-a-year on account of the poverty of his chantry.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN CARTER—On Saturday, 23 [March], 1520, before the dean and chapter, assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, the will of John Carter, late chapter clerk, was exhibited and proved, and administration of his goods within their jurisdiction was granted to Isabella his relict, the executrix named in the said will, who was sworn accordingly, power being reserved for Richard Carter, the co-executor, when he comes to accept it in form of law.

WILL OF JOHN CARTER—*In Dei Nomine, Amen.* In the year 1520, the 27th day of December, I, John Carter, Clerc of the Chapitor in Lincoln, hole and sownd of mynd and remembraunce maketh my testament

¹ That is, to sing anniversary masses for the dead on some other foundation in addition to his chantry at Ownesby; the dean and chapter allow him to do so for half a year.

in this maner. Furst I betake and bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, to our Lady Seint Mary, and to all the holy companye of heven, and my body to be buried in the Church of Seint Margaret within the Close of Lincoln. Itm, I bequeth to the hye alter [*Folio 19d.*] of Seint Margaret aforesaid for tithes forgotten ijs. Itm, to the hye alter of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln a cross of gold for to hyng before hir. Itm, to the reparacion of our Lady Wark xij*d.* Itm, I will that my mortuarie be paid after the custome of the said church of Seint Margaret. Itm, I bequeth to my lord Dean and to every one of my maisters being residentt xij*d.* Itm, I depute and assigne for my assigneys and deputies Isabell Carter my Wiff and Richard Carter my son to have and to possesse the house that I dwell in with the appurtenances thereof according to the Indentures thereof and to the longer lifing of them. Itm, I bequeth and giff to every of my v children xls. The Residew of my goods not bequethed nor given, my dettes, funeralls and legatees paid of the hole, I bequeth and giff to my Wyff aforesaid and to Richard Carter my son, whom I make and ordeyn to be myn executours to dispose for the Well and helth of my soule as shall be thought to them most expedient and neidfull. Thes being Witnes, sir James, parysh preist of the aforesaid Seint Margarets, sir John Thompson, sir William Mounk, with many moo. Yeven the day and yere afore rehersed.

ADMISSION OF WILLIAM MOUNK TO THE CHANTRY OF SIR NICHOLAS DE CANTILUPE, KNT.—On 6 April, 1521, in parley after vespers, the dean and chapter being assembled chapter-wise, the dean admitted *Dom.* William Mounk, chaplain, to be one of the chantry priests of Sir Nicholas de Cantilupe, knt., vacant by the resignation of Thomas Lilielow, on the presentation of William Turr, chaplain, warden of the said college or chantry. And he took the oaths, etc., as in the Black Book.¹

ADMISSION OF ROBERT DOVE TO THE CHANTRY OF WALTER STAURETH—On 13 April, 1521, in like manner, the dean admitted *Dom.* Robert Dove, chaplain and vicar, to the chantry founded in the cathedral for the souls of Walter Staureth and Antony Goldesburgh, vacant by dimission of Thomas Flowre, last cantarist. And he took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. GILES²—On 20 April, 1521, in the presence of the precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stow, and Massingberd, the dean admitted William Dunsley as a poor man of St. Giles, on the nomination of the precentor, and he took the oaths, etc.

Folio 20.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS WARYNER—On 20 April, 1521, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe,

¹ The *Liber Niger*, or Black Book, so called from the colour of its binding—the *Consuetudinarium*, or book of the customs and uses of the church of Lincoln, has been printed in full in Bradshaw & Wordsworth's *Lincoln Cathedral Statutes*, part I. It contains the various modes of installation and the forms of oaths to be taken on admission to the several offices.

² The Hospital of St. Giles stood a little without the city on the N.E. by the side of the Wragby road, where some remains of its buildings may still be seen. Bishop Oliver Sutton, when Dean of Lincoln, 1275-80, annexed the mastership of it to the vicars-choral of the minster. In bishop Alnwick's Visitation of 1437 it is said that it "ordinatur specialiter pro familiaribus Canonicorum," ordained especially for the members of the canons' households, no doubt as a refuge when disabled from service. *Cath. Statutes*, III, 390.

and Massingberd, was proved the will of Thomas Waryner, deceased, and administration was granted to Jane his relict, the executrix named therein.

WILL OF THOMAS WARYNER—In the name of God, Amen. The xijth day of August the yere of our Lord God a thousand five hundreth and neyntein, I Thomas Waryner, of hole mynd and good memorye maketh this my testament and last Will in this maner. Furst I bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, to our Lady Seint Mary, and to all the holy companye of heven, and my body to be buried within the mynster in the south Ile afore oure Lady of Grace, or as nygh as it may conveniently be, with the licence of my lord Dean and Chapitor. Also I bequeth to our Lady Wark for my beriall ther xxs. Also I bequeth to our said Lady Wark, iij*s*. iij*d*. : And to the hye alter ther iij*s*. iij*d*. Also I will that the old Vicars shall doe one obitt for me within the said church, and have for ther labor vjs. viij*d*. Also I will that the house of the old Vicars shall have my house and garth in Netilham after the decesse of me and my wif, doying therfor a yerly obitt within the Chapell of the said house of the old Vicars after the maner of Elston obitt, Except that wher Elston obitt is said I will that this be songen with noyte, both the obitt and the messe. The Residue of my gudes I bequeth to Jane my Wif, whom I make my sole executrice, praying hir to gif unto the yong Vicars a Maser, and she to dispose the residew for the welth of my soule after hir disposicion. Thes Witnesses,—sir Richard Bayly, Vicare. John Barns, Rauff Smyth, with other.

ADMISSION OF JOHN WATKYN AS JUNIOR VICAR—On 22 April, 1521, in presence of the precentor and the archdeacon of Stowe, the dean admitted Mr. John Watkyns, Bachelor of Music, to be junior vicar : and he took the oaths, as in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF JOHN GODSAVE AS POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On 27 April, 1521, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, the dean admitted one John Godsave as poor man of the hospital of St. Giles, on the nomination of the chancellor in his course¹ : and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the foundation and duties of the said hospital. *Folio 20d.*

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN BUK OF WELLINGOVER—On 4 May, 1521, the dean and chapter being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, the will of John Bukk of Wellingover, in the jurisdiction of the chapter, was proved, and administration &c., was granted to the executor named in the said will, who was sworn in form of law, and he then expressly renounced the privilege of the court under which he had hitherto acted, and submitted to the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter.

WILL OF JOHN BUKK—In the name of God, Amen. The xxth day of the moneth of February a thousand five hundreth twentie, I John

¹ *In cursu suo*—in his course of duty. Theoretically each prebendary had about a week's duty as celebrant in the cathedral, but at this time when only a small number were in actual residence, each would have to serve for several weeks, turn and turn about amongst themselves, either *in propria*, in their own turn, or *loco absentium*. Each residentiary canon seems to have had the patronage of such minor offices as fell vacant during his course. Bradshaw & Wordsworth *Cathedral Statutes*, III, 814.

Bukk of Wellingover, hole and sownd of mynde maketh my testament in this wise,—Furst, I giff my soule to God Allmyghty, to our Lady Seint Marye, and to all the companye in heven, and my body to be buried within the Church yerd of All Halows in Wellingover. Also I gif my best beist to be my mortuarye as the maner of the countree is. Also I gif to our Lady Wark of Lincoln xij^d. Also I giff to the hye alter of Wellingover viij^d. Also I gif to the Church of Wellingover vjs. viij^d. The Residew of my goods not witt I gif in to the handes of my broder John Bukk of Navenby, whom I make and ordeyn my feithful executor, he for to dispose it for the well of my soule, and to the behove of my two sons, William Bukk and Thomas Bukk, with the good avisement and oversight of Mr Thomas Smyth of Welburn, And he for to have for his labor vjs. viij^d. Thes Witnesses,—Richard Marston, Vicar of Welingover, Will'm Vessy, Parson of Bothby, and Christopher Arnold, with other moe.

ADMISSION OF RALPH BRADBURY TO THE CHANTRY OF MASTER JOHN CROSEBY—On Saturday, 4 May, 1521, in parley after vespers in the choir, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, Massingberd and Talbott, the archdeacon of Stowe being absent, the said John Talbot, as master of the fabric, nominated *Dom*. Ralph Bradbery, pbr. for the chantry founded in the cathedral for the soul of Master John Croseby, and the Dean then and there admitted him thereto, and he took the oaths, as in the Black Book, etc.

INSTALLATION OF THE LORD BISHOP—12 May, 1521. The Rev. father the lord John Longland having been consecrated bishop of Lincoln on 5 May by William archbishop of Canterbury, was installed in his church of Lincoln in the person of Master John Constable, Doctor of Decrees, and dean, constituted his proctor. Compline being finished in the high choir, and the dean and canons residentiary, and all others wearing habit, being assembled in the chapter-house, the commission of the archbishop was read in this wise : William Warham, archbishop of Canterbury, to whom the induction, installation and enthronization of all bishops of the province of Canterbury, as well of right as by laudable and ancient custom and prescription are known to belong, to the venerable masters, Simon Foderby, S.T.P., John Talbott, M.D., Edward Derby, M.A., and Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary, health in the Lord, and skill and diligence in the matter committed to you. In behalf of the Rev. father and lord John, preferred to be bishop and pastor of the church of Lincoln, lately vacant, by the apostolic authority of Pope Leo X, as is more fully contained in the apostolic letters attached hereto, we have been required with due urgency that we should induct, install and enthrone him, or his lawful proctor into the real and corporal possession of the church of Lincoln and of all the rights and appurtenances thereof according to the manner and customs of the said church heretofore in use. We however assenting to the instance and wishes of the aforesaid father, but being hindered from attending in person to their execution, commit to you and to each of you, jointly and severally, in whose discretion, fidelity and industry we have special trust, full power in our place to induct the before-mentioned reverend father, or his lawful proctor into the real and corporal possession of the said cathedral church and of all its rights and appurtenances, and to install

and enthrone him according to the customs heretofore in use with the plenitude of episcopal right, and to do and expedite all other things which are necessary or fitting in this matter. And whatever you shall have done in these premisses you, or he of you who shall have executed the business, shall certify us at a fitting place and time, when the matter has been expedited. In witness whereof our seal is affixed to these presents. Dated at Canterbury, 5 May, 1521.

Folio 21.

When this commission had been read Master John Constable was admitted as the said bishop's proctor; and this being done he was led by Mr. Precentor on the right and Christopher Massingberd on the left to the high altar, and then the dean, as proctor in the name of the bishop, took the oaths as contained in the Black Book. Then he was led to the bishop's seat, the precentor then beginning *Te Deum laudamus* and this finished, with the prayers as in the *Collectarium*, they led him to the high altar, where he knelt down and prayed, and offered at his will (*ad placitum*), and then they assigned him a place in chapter.

INDUCTION OF MASTER THOMAS MAGNUS TO THE PREBEND OF NORTH KELSEY—On 17 May, 1521, Master Thomas Magnus¹ was admitted in the person of Mr. [blank] his proctor, to the canonry and prebend of North Kelsey, vacant by the consecration of John Langland to be bishop of Lincoln, and he took the oaths to observe the *Laudum* of bishop William Alnewik, &c., as is contained in the Black Book, and letters testimonial were issued.

ADMISSION OF RICHARD SMYTH TO THE WORKS CHANTRY—On 21 May, in parley after compline in the choir, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, appeared *Dom.* John Dawson, chaplain of the works chantry, and there in the presence of me Thomas Alys, notary-public, and of Mr. Robert Newton, Bachelor of Decrees, and of Richard Smyth, chaplain, witnesses specially called in for this purpose, made resignation of his chantry in a certain schedule on paper, which he held in his hands and read as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen*, &c. And straightway Master Christopher Massingberd, as senior master of the works, in right of his office, nominated *Dom.* Richard Smyth, pbr., to the said chantry, and presented him to the dean, who then and there admitted him to it with all its rights and appurtenances. And he took the oaths of canonical obedience and observance of the foundation, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

THE EXPENSES OF MR. ROBERT NEWTON—The same day and place the dean and chapter deputed and appointed Mr. Robert Newton to ride

¹ Thomas Magnus, who thus succeeded bishop Longland in his prebend of North Kelsey, was the liberal benefactor of Newark on Trent, his birthplace, where he founded a school of grammar and song, transferring to it the whole of his landed property, then worth £42 8s. 4d., but now bringing in an income of about £2500 per ann. He exchanged his prebend of North Kelsey for that of Corringham on 1 April, 1522. Before this he had enjoyed the patronage of Wolsey, and had been much employed by him and the king as their diplomatic agent in Scotland. Naturally he held much other preferment, having been archdeacon of the East Riding of Yorkshire from 1504 to his death, canon of Windsor 1520, and king's chaplain in 1524. He also held the livings of Bedale and Sessay in Yorkshire, at which latter place he died 13 August, 1550, and was buried.

to London on the business of the chapter, and they promised him for his expenses, for every day that he was riding iis. iiijd., and for every day of his stay in London or elsewhere ijs.

Folio 22.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN WALTON—On 25 May, 1521, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, Massingberd and Talbott, assembled chapter-wise in parley after vespers, and forming a chapter, was proved the will of John Walton, late of the Close of Lincoln, and administration was committed to the executors named in the said will.

WILL OF JOHN WALTON—*In Dei nomine, Amen.* The xxvj day of the moneth of Aprill the yere of our Lord God a thousand five hundreth xxj, I John Walton, hole of mynd and perfit remembraunce maketh and ordeyneth my testament after the maner and forme folowing. Furst, I bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, our Lady Seint Mary and all the companye of heven, and my body to be buried within the Cathedrall church of Lincoln before the high crucifix, with my mortuary after the maner and custom. Item, I bequeth to our Lady Warks iijs. iiijd. Item, to the hye alter of Mary Mawdelene xxd. Item, to the same church Warkes xxd. Item, to ichon¹ of the orders of Freres in Lincoln xxd. Item, to the clerc gild xxd. Item, to my moder if she be living xxs. Item, to Nicholas my son and Jan my doughter, either of them viij marks when they come to lawfull age, And if it fortune the one of thes children or both to depart or they shall come to lawfull age, then I will that ther parte or partes be disposed, the oon half for my soule by myn executors, and the other half my Wiff to have to hir own use. Also I will that my Wif shall bring up and fynde my two children of myn own goods unto they shall come to lawfull age. Item, I will have a trentall of messes doon at the day of my buryall, and one other after my buryall at convenient lasor after the discrecion of myn executor. Also I will that a preist syng for my soule and my benefactours soules by the space of one half yere. The Residew of my goods not bequethed I will that Avise my Wif and Mr. Henry Sapcotts have them, my dettes paid and contentt, whom I make myn executors, they to dispose for me as they think best, with the oversight of sir Thomas Wilson, parson of Mary Mawdelene, with Twentie shelinges to be devyded to the said sir Thomas Wilson and Mr. Henry Sapcotts for ther labor. Thes Witnes—sir John Lyn, preist, sir John Marshall, preist, Willm Brown, with other moo.

Folio 22d.

ADMISSION OF MASTER EDWARD DERBY TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE—On 9 June, 1521, the dean, chancellor, Massingberd and Talbott being assembled chapter-wise, the precentor being absent, Master Edward Derby, at the nomination of the dean as in the course of the archdeacon of Stow, was admitted to the rectory of the church or chapel of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, vacant by the death of *Dom.* Thomas Wilson, last incumbent, and for this turn in the collation of the chapter, and for the next in the nomination of the chancellor in right of his office. And he took the oaths on admission.

INDUCTION OF MASTER GEORGE HENNEGE TO THE PREBEND OF CORINGHAM—On 16 June, Master George Hennege, Bachelor of Decrees,

¹ Each one.

was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Coringham, vacant by resignation of Master John Burges, in the person of Master John Talbott, his proctor, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the *Laudum*, &c.

At the same time he was admitted to the dignity of treasurer, also vacant by resignation of Mr. John Burges, in the person of his proctor, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, and letters testimonial were issued.

INDUCTION OF MASTER JOHN BRUGES TO THE PREBEND OF GRETTON—At the same time Master John Bruges [*sic*] was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Gretton, vacant by resignation of Master George Hennegge, in the person of Master Christopher Massingberd, his proctor, and he took the oaths accordingly and letters testimonial were issued.

ACCEPTANCE OF A CANONICAL FARM—On June 29, the chancellor, Massingberd and Talbott being assembled chapter-wise, the dean, precentor and archdeacon of Stowe being absent, the said Master Christopher Massingberd accepted the rectory of Edenstow as his canonical farm.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF MATTHEW ELWYS OF GARNTHORPE—On 21 July, in parley after vespers before Masters Massingberd and Talbott, the rest being absent, was proved the will of Mathew Helwys of Garnthorpe, who died on the Oldmynster Fee, and administration was committed to Margaret the relict and executrix named in the said will, who was sworn in form of law and renounced the privilege of the court as regards its execution.

Folio 23—[*missing*].

Folio 24.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF KILDESBY—On 30 Sept., 1521, the dean being absent, the precentor, Massingberd and Talbott being assembled chapter-wise in parley after vespers in the choir, on the authority of letters from John bishop of Lincoln, decreed the induction of *Dom.* John Hall into the real and corporal possession of the vicarage of the prebendal church of Kildesby, and he took the oaths accordingly.

GRANT OF THE ALTAR OF ST. PETER OF TANSOVER—On Saturday, 5 October, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, treated of the grant of the presentation of the parish church of Tanseouer, vacant by resignation of Richard Saye, to Master Thomas Newton, Bachelor of Decrees, and all the chapter agreed. Mr. Massingberd however protested that if the said church were void by death, then he did not consent to the said grant. Afterwards in parley after vespers, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, and archdeacon of Stowe, the dean decreed that the church was void by resignation, and ordered the presentation to be made in writing.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF PAXTON—On Saturday, 26 October, the dean, in the course of Mr. Massingberd, nominated the said Christopher Massingberd to the vicarage of Paxton, in the patronage of the dean and chapter, vacant by death of Master Newton, and ordered the presentation to be made in writing.

INDUCTION OF MR. JOHN RAYNE TO THE PREBEND OF BRAMPTON—At the same time Master John Rayne,¹ doctor of either law, on the authority of letters from John, bishop of Lincoln, was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Brampton, and inducted in the same, etc., in the person of Master Simon Green, *als.* Foderby, his proctor on this behalf, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, then in parley after vespers in the choir.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS CHERBURY—On Saturday, 16 November, before the same members of the chapter, in the chapter-house, was proved the will of *Dom.* Thomas Cherbury, vicar choral, and administration was granted to Richard Bayly and James Tutyll, the executors named therein, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM HARRYSON OF THE OLDMYNSTER FEE—At the same time was proved the will of William Harryson of Aswardby, who died on the Oldmynster Fee, and administration was granted to the executors named therein, etc.

Folio 24d.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On 14 November, 1521, before the same, with the exception of Talbott, the dean admitted one Thomas Bryght to be a poor clerk, in parley after vespers in the choir.

At the same time the poor clerks were admonished for the second time by the dean to attend the grammar schools and to amend their other faults detected in the dean's visitation.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF EDWARD SHERMAN OF GARNTHORP—On Saturday, 23 November, was proved the will of Edward Sherman of Garnthorp, who died on the Oldmynster Fee, and administration was granted to Walter Sherman, the executor named therein, etc., the other executor named having predeceased the testator.

ADMISSION OF HENRY HIGGEN AS A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On 29 November, in parley after vespers in the choir, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, and Massingberd, the dean admitted one Henry Hygen to be a poor man living in the hospital of St. Giles without Lincoln, on the nomination of [*blank*] in his course.

LICENCE TO THE KEEPER OF THE ALTAR OF ST. PETER²—At the same time, the dean, chancellor, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., on the petition of Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, granted licence to Master Robert Newton, keeper of the altar of St. Peter, who wished to resign on a pension, to treat and agree with

¹ This is the first mention of Dr. John Rayne, who exchanged this prebend for that of Thame in March, 1530-1. He was bishop Longland's vicar-general and chancellor, who was killed by the Lincolnshire insurgents on Ancaster Heath on 3 October, 1536. Among his other preferments was the prebend of Grantham Australis in Salisbury cathedral, to which he was presented by the vicar-general of Cardinal Campeggio, as bishop of Salisbury, in Dec. 1529.

² The keeper of the altar of St. Peter, which stood in the southernmost chapel on the eastern side of the choir transept, occupied a position superior to that of the other chantry-priests, it being his duty to hear and decide causes the cognizance of which belonged to the dean and chapter: "*Audiet et decidet causas et negocia quorum audicio spectat ad capitulum*", B. & W., *Cathedral Statutes*, II, 169. His income is assessed in the Subsidy of 1526 at £20, the stipends of the other chantry-priests being commonly £5 or £6.

Master Henry Litherland thereon. Further, on the 10th December, the said dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise in parley after vespers in the choir, granted to the said Henry Litherland, inasmuch as they found him fit and competent for the office, that the said office or chantry with all its emoluments, etc., should be conferred upon him, as fully as it was held by Master Robert Newton by the letters of the dean and chapter, or by any of his predecessors according to the ancient foundation thereof, whensoever it should become vacant by Master Robert Newton's resignation, for the next turn only. And then the said Master Robert Newton, on the said 10th day of December, before the said members of the chapter, freely and willingly promised to resign his office, etc., to Master Henry Litherland before the Sunday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross next for an annual pension of *iiijl. xiijs. iiijd.* payable quarterly, which pension the dean and chapter by their authority and with the consent of Master Henry Litherland at the time of his admission ordered to be paid to Master Robert Newton out of the fruits and profits of the chantry.

Folio 25.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM CLERC OF STRUBBY—On Friday, 20 December, 1521, was proved the will of William Clerc, of Strubby, and administration committed to the executor named therein.

INDUCTION OF MASTER JOHN HIGDON TO THE PREBEND OF MILTON MANOR—On 26 December, Master John Higdon, S.T.P., on authority of letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Milton Maner, vacant by resignation of Master Philip Morgan, Doctor in Medicine, and was inducted in the person of Master Nicholas Bradebrige, the chancellor, his proctor, who took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd, & Talbott.

ASSIGNMENT OF PENSION FROM THE PREBEND—To all sons of mother church to whom these presents may come, John, bishop of Lincoln, greeting, etc. : Whereas on the part of our beloved son in Christ, Master Philip Morgan, professor in medicine, and prebendary of Milton Maner in our church of Lincoln a petition has been presented to the effect that his strength has so failed that he cannot perform the duties of the said prebend, and lest on this account it should suffer any harm he has absolutely resigned it into our hands, and we admitting his resignation and declaring the prebend to be vacant, have conferred it as belonging to our collation, with all its rights and appurtenances, *intuitu caritatis*, on Master John Higdon, S.T.P., and have decreed that he, or his lawful proctor in his name, should be inducted in the real and corporal possession thereof,—And whereas the said Master Philip Morgan is not otherwise sufficiently provided with the necessities of life, and he and Master John Higdon now prebendary have agreed before us sitting as judge, and have submitted themselves to our ordinance and disposition *in alto et in basso*, with regard to the pension to be paid to the said Master Philip Morgan out of the fruits of the said prebend,—We therefore, having taken all these matters into consideration [*Folio 25d.*] think good to proceed as follows : Whereas we find that the prebend of Milton Maner is sufficiently abundant in fruits that it can provide a suitable annual pension without any grave loss or cost to its incumbent,—We

therefore, having taken counsel with those learned in the law, do decree, assign, and ordain that an annual pension of xx*l.* sterling out of the fruits and profits of the said prebend be paid by Master John Higdon, now prebendary, and his successors, to Master Philip Morgan during his natural life, by equal portions at two terms of the year, viz. on May 1, x*l.* xs. and on Nov. 3, x*l.* xs., the first payment to be made on 1 May next, and at each term following, and we declare the said prebend of Milton Maner to be liable to the said pension and bound for its payment during Master Philip Morgan's life, and we bind Master John Higdon, the present prebendary, and all his successors, and all the fruits, profits and emoluments of the prebend to the due payment of the said pension ; and by these presents we admonish him and all his future successors in that prebend that they observe this our ordinance and decree, and pay the said annual pension at the terms named during Master Philip Morgan's life, under penalty of suspension and sequestration of the said prebend, as well as of the greater excommunication of Master John Higdon or any future prebendary as often as they shall fail in its payment, or at least within [*Folio 26*] 30 days after any term, of which 30 days we assign ten for the first, ten for the second, and ten for the third and peremptory term and canonical monition, and promulge to Master John Higdon, the present prebendary and all his successors, now as then, and then as now, in these writings. Further we decree that every holder of the said prebend of Mylton Maner, during the life of Master Philip Morgan, as often as it shall fall vacant, shall at the time or immediately after the time of his collation and admission, before us or our successors, bishops of Lincoln, take his corporal oath on the holy gospels that he will make all payments of the said annual pension in the manner aforesaid, and unless in any future collation special mention be made of such oath we decree that such collation be null and void. And if it happen, *quod absit*, that by the fault or negligence of Master John Higdon or any of his successors this our ordinance be in effect not observed or infringed, then it shall be lawful for Master Philip Morgan or his proctor or deputy to require Master John Higdon or his successor, who may be in fault, duly to observe it, and if for the space of 30 days after such requisition he shall have delayed or refused to observe it, then after the lapse of those 30 days by our authority as ordinary we sequester all the fruits and emoluments, and we depute and appoint our chancellor or our successors' chancellors, or their officers by these presents custodiâns of such sequestration, and we give and grant them power and authority to receive all such fruits and emoluments, and to retain them in safe custody until this our ordinance be carried out in full. We will also and ordain by these presents that every [*Folio 26d.*] future prebendary to be admitted to the prebend of Milton Maner during Master Philip Morgan's life shall, soon after his collation and before his induction, before us and our successors be held to renounce any process of civil or canon law whereby this our ordinance may be hindered in the presence of trustworthy witnesses and that he make this renunciation in effect as Master John Higdon has done before us in court (*pro tribunali sedenti*). For the better observance of all and singular of the premises of the above our definitive decree we promulge them here in writing : In testimony whereof we have caused our seal to be appended to these our letters. Dated at our manor of Woborn, 17 December, 1521, the first of our consecration.

Confirmation of the aforesaid pension by John Constable, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for themselves and their successors, as far as in them lies, in their chapter-house, 27 December, 1521.

INDENTURE FOR THE RECTORY OF MAUNSFELD—This Indenture witnesseth that John Constable, dean of Lincoln, has granted and let to farm to Roger Grenhall, of Tiversholt, co. Nott., esq., the rectory of Maunsfeld in the said county with all the tithes, fruits, profits, emoluments, rents, rights, services, etc., thereto belonging, as well as to the chapels of Maunsfeld Wodhouse and Skegby, excepting the portion of the vicarage of Maunsfeld and the presentation to the said vicarage as often as it shall fall vacant, To have and to hold to him and his assigns from the Feast of SS. Philip & James last past to the end of 45 years immediately following, rendering and paying yearly therefor to the said John Constable and his successors or their assigns £27 by equal portions at the Feasts of the Purification and of the Nativity of St. John Baptist. And the said Roger Grenhall and his assigns shall repair the mansion of the rectory in Maunsfeld Wodhouse as often as necessary with straw and clay (*luto*) from year to year during the [*Folio 27*] aforesaid term, and shall make good at their own expense all defects and damages made by them, their servants and animals in any part of the said mansion, or of the granary and closes in Maunsfeld and Maunsfeld Wodhouse, and shall leave them so repaired and mended at the end of the said term. And the said Roger and his assigns shall provide at their own cost one fitting Chaplain at Maunsfeld Wodhouse, and another at the chapel of Skegby, to celebrate Divine Service there, to be examined by the dean and his successors. And the dean and his successors shall bear all burdens, ordinary and extraordinary, incumbent on the said rectory at their own cost and expense. And if it happen that the said rent of £27 be in arrear or unpaid, in whole or in part for one month after any term on which it is due, then it shall be lawful for the said John Constable and his successors, or their officers, to enter on the said rectory or any part thereof, and to distrain, and carry off and retain their distraints, until the said rent of £27 be fully satisfied and paid. And if it be unpaid, in whole or in part, for 2 months, then it shall be lawful for them to re-enter on the said rectory and take it again into their own hands, and entirely to expel and remove the said Roger and his assigns, the present lease notwithstanding. Moreover the said Roger promises, and by these presents grants that neither he nor his assigns will, during the aforesaid term, intermeddle with the pension due to the dean of Lincoln from the parish church of Sutton in Ashfield, and that from year to year he will cause true copies of the Court Rolls of the dean at Maunsfeld to be written out and to be delivered to the dean or his deputy or proctor, at his own cost and expense. In witness whereof the said John Constable, dean, and the said Roger Grenhall have alternatively affixed their seals to this Indenture. Dated 1 June, 1521.

Confirmation of the said Indenture [*left blank*].

Folio 27d.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM EMERSON, OF SEWERBY—On 8 January, 1521, was proved the will of William Emerson, of Sewerby, and administration granted to the executor named therein.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ROBERT PLANKNEY, OF THE CLOSE OF LINCOLN—On 25 January was proved the will of Robert Plankney, of the Close of Lincoln, and administration was granted to Marjorie his relict, and Richard Oliver, sacrist, the executors named therein, power being reserved to Master John London, their co-executor.

WILL OF ROBERT PLANKNEY—*In Dei Nomine, Amen.* The yere of our Lord God a thousand five hundreth xxj the xvij day of September. I Robert Plankney in the parysh of Seint Margarette within the Close of Lincoln, of hole mynd and remembrance maketh my Will and testament in this maner, Furst, I commend and bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, our lady Seint Marye, and to all the holy companye of heven, and my body to be buried within the Cathedrall Church of our Lady of Lincoln within the south doyre. Also I bequeth to our Lady Workes for breking of the said ground xxs. Also to the high alter of the said Church iijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeth to Seint Margarette church in the name of my mortuarye my best gown after the custom of the citie. To the high alter of the said Church of Seint Margarette xij*d.* Item to the Warkes of the said Church ijs.. Also to the iiij orders of Freers viijs., that is to say to every house ijs. Also I bequeth to the high alter within the church of Braunceton iiij*d.*, to sir Robert Ansley parson of the said church ijs., to the Church Warkes of Braunceton vjs. viij*d.* Also I bequeth to the Church Warkes of Whashingburgh ijs. Also I bequeth to the Church Wark of Hanworth xij*d.* Also I bequeth to my foure childer, George, Henry, Christopher and Edward, every of them vj*l.* viijs. iiij*d.* And if eny of my foresaid foure childer under the age of xvij yere departe or dye, I will the Residew of the paitrs not expended be equally divided and distributed to the other being of live. Also I will that my house in Askeby within the parysh of Botnesford with ij ox-gangs of land with the appertenances therto belonging be sold after the discrecion of myn executors and distributed emonges my said foure childer, as it is said afore, to fynde them to the scole. Also I will that every childe have this his legacie and bequest which shall and must emount of my cattall if they encrease in prosperitee, and if it fortune contrarye, I reserve the children partes to be ordered by the discrecion of myn executors. And if my Wiff return to the world to be wed agen, I will that the money and the house be delivered out of the handes of my Wiff, [*Folio 28*] and putt into the handes and custodye of Mr. Nicholas Bradebrige, Chaunceler of the Church of Lincoln, sir Thomas Plankney and sir Richard Oliver, preists of the said Church, with xx marks more made of the said cattall if they stand in prosperitee, And if it fortune contrarye, the said xx marks to be mytigated by the discrecion of the aforesaid Nicholas, Thomas, and Richard, and they to have it under thre kayes before the day of hir mariage to the best behove of the foresaid children. Also I will that I have a preist to syng for the helth of my soule within the parysh Church of Seint Margarette one yere complett, and he to have for his stipend *v*l.** Forthermore I will and bequeth lxs., to have one obitt don by the hole habitt and mynystres of the said cath : church of Lincoln, distributed to to every person after the custom and names of the said Church. The Residew of my gud not given nor bequethed I give unto Margery my Wiff, whom I make myn executrice with Mr. John London hir broder, and Richard Oliver preist, and to either of them I give and bequeth for ther labor xs. Also I will that Maister Nicholas Bradebrige, Chaunceler

of the Church of Lincoln, be supervisoure of this my last Will and testament, and he to have for his labor the best oxe that I have. Thes being Witnes—sir Thomas Plankney, sir Thomas Paine, preists of the said Cath : Church, Robt. Smyth, Thomas Litill, Laurence Chauncye, with other moe.

ADMISSION OF MR. JOHN WATKYNs TO THE CHANTRY OF HEN. BENYNGWORTH.—On 30 Jan., 1521, in the chapel of St. Nicholas in the cathedral, Master John Watkyns, Bachelor of Music, vicar-choral, was admitted to the chantry of Henry Benyngworth, vacant by death of Thomas Cherbury, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, Massingberd and Talbott.

On 1 February, Bartholomew Halley was admitted to the office of chapter messenger for the southern parts, and he found Thomas Holand and William Walheid as his sureties, who were bound over accordingly.

On 8 February, in the chapter-house the adminstrators of the goods of Robert Hobulthorn, scholar of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh, were admitted *in forma pauperis*.

[Folio 28d.]

On the same day the will was proved of Robert Bec, of the parish of St. Magdalene in the Bail of Lincoln, and administration was granted to Isabel his relict, the executrix named therein, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF POLICRONIUS KERSMAKER, WITHIN THE CLOSE—On 1 March, 1521, in parley after vespers in the choir, before the dean, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott, the precentor being absent, was proved the will of Policronius Kersmaker of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, and administration was granted to Isabel, his relict, the executrix named therein, etc.

ADMISSION OF THOMAS GRYM AS CHORISTER—At the same time etc., the dean admitted Thomas Grym as Chorister, on the presentation and nomination of the Archdeacon of Stowe, in the place and name of the precentor then absent.

INDUCTION OF MR. WILLIAM LESON TO THE VICARAGE OF CROPREDY—On 24 March, the dean, chancellor, and archdeacon of Stowe, being assembled chapter-wise in the cathedral before the door of the vestibule, the dean admitted Master William Leson, doctor of either law, to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Cropredie, *als.* Croperye, in the person of Master William Irlond, his proctor, on the authority of letters of Master John Rayne, doctor of either law, vicar-general of John, bishop of Lincoln, and ordered that he should be inducted therein ; and Mr. William Irlond took the oaths, etc., as his proctor.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS WADTON OF THE BAIL—On 29 March, 1522, before the dean and chapter assembled chapter-wise in in the chapter-house, was proved the will of Thomas Wadton of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene and administration was granted to his relict and executrix, etc.

Folio 29.

INDUCTION OF MR. GEORGE HENNEGE TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF OXFORD—On 1 April, 1522, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon

of Stowe and Talbott being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house after collation in the choir,¹ the dean on authority of letters from the bishop admitted Master George Hennege to the archdeaconry of Oxford, vacant by the death of Master Christopher Ursewik, and he was inducted in the same, etc., in the person of Master Nicholas Bradebrige, the chancellor, constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of an archdeacon as contained in the Black Book.

INDUCTION OF MR. THOMAS MAGNUS TO THE PREBEND OF CORINGHAM—At the same time and by the same authority Master Thomas Magnus was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Coringham and inducted in the person of Master Simon Green, *als.* Foderby, his proctor, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MR. JOHN LONDON AS TREASURER—At the same time, etc., Master John London, LL.D.,² was admitted to the dignity of treasurer and inducted and installed therein in the person of Mr. Nicholas Bradebrige, the chancellor, as his proctor, who took the oaths at the south horn (*cornu*) of the altar, as contained in the Black Book for the treasurer's oath.

INDUCTION OF MR. ROBERT FLEMYNG TO THE PREBEND OF NORTH KELSEY—At the same time, etc., Master Robert Flemyng was admitted and inducted into the canonry and prebend of North Kelsey, in the person of Mr. Nicholas Bradebrige, the chancellor, as his proctor, who took the oaths, etc.

INDUCTION OF MR. THOMAS WYNTER TO THE PREBEND OF MILTON ECCLESIA—At the same time, etc., Thomas Wynter, clerk, was admitted and inducted to the canonry and prebend of Milton Ecclesia, in the person of the said Mr. Nicholas Bradebrige, as his proctor, etc.

Folio 29d.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF NORMANBY—At the same time, etc., the dean in his course nominated and presented to the lord bishop *Dom.* John Clerc for the vicarage of Normanby and directed the presentation to be made in writing.

INSTALLATION OF MR. JOHN HIGDON IN HIS OWN PERSON—On 5 April, 1522, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stow, Massingberd and Talbott, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house after compline, and forming a chapter, Mr. John Higdon, S.T.P., prebendary of Milton Maner, was installed in person and had a stall assigned him in the choir and a place in the chapter, the choir saying the Psalm *Ecce quam bonum*, with the usual prayers; and he took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

¹ *Collation*—Readings from the Fathers in the choir before compline.

² This was the notorious Dr. John London, one of Cromwell's most active and unscrupulous agents in the suppression of monasteries. He was already Prebendary of York, and in 1526 became Warden of New College, and later Canon of Windsor. We learn from Bp. Longland's Register that his treasurership was subject to the payment of a pension of £20 p. ann. to a predecessor. He was inducted to the prebend of All Saints', Hungate, on 30 Aug., 1522, but seems never to have resided, nor performed any duty as treasurer beyond the exercise of small pieces of patronage. He resigned the office of treasurer on 12 March, 1524-5, but held the prebend of Milton Manor until his well-deserved disgrace and death in the Fleet prison in 1543.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM BALRIKE, OF STRUBBY—At the same time, etc., was proved the will of William Balryke before Mr. Christopher Massingberd, provost of the cathedral, and administration granted to Isabel his daughter and executrix, etc.

INDUCTION OF MR. JOHN FORMEBY TO THE VICARAGE OF BANBURY—On 10 April, on authority of the bishop's letters, Master John Formeby, s.t.b., was inducted into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Banbury, vacant by death of [blank] Prestwike, in the person of Mr. John Smith, who took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the precentor, chancellor, Massingberd, and John Cook, notary public, then in the chapter-house.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN TO ST. GILES' HOSPITAL—On 13 April, in parley after vespers in the choir, the dean in his course admitted one Robert Moore as a poor man living in the hospital of St. Giles without Lincoln, who took the oaths of observance, etc., in presence of the dean, precentor, Massingberd and Talbot.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF OLIVE SKINNES, OF THE BAIL OF LINCOLN—On 14 April was proved the will of Olive Skinnnes, single-woman, of the parish of St. Mary Magdelene, and administration was committed to Agnes Howlott, wife of Robert Howlott, of the Bail of Lincoln, the executrix named therein.

Folio 30.

ADMISSION OF JOHN WEST TO THE CHANTRY OF JOHN GYNWELL—On the same day the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise near the tomb of John Dalderby (Talbot performing the office in the choir), in parley after collation the dean admitted *Dom.* John West, pbr. to the chantry of bishop John Gynwell, vacant by death of Thomas Marshall, late cantarist, to which he was presented by Master William Smyth, archdeacon of Lincoln, by reason of a grant of the advowson lately made to him by the dean and chapter; and he took the oaths of obedience and observance, as contained in the Black Book.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS HILL OF THE BAIL OF LINCOLN—On 16 April, 1522, was proved the will of Thomas Hill, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, and administration granted to his relict, the executrix named therein.

ADMISSION OF JOHN DIGHTON TO THE OFFICE OF VERGER—On 17 April, on authority of letters from the bishop, the dean admitted John Dighton to the office of verger, vacant by death of Henry Sandebrok, who took the oaths, etc., there being present then in the vestibule the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbott.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On 19 April, in parley after vespers in the choir the dean admitted William Good as a poor clerk, who took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the dean, precentor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Talbott.

ADMISSION OF ROBERT VINCENT TO THE WORKS CHANTRY—On 27 April, in parley after vespers in the choir, present the dean, precentor,

chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, the dean admitted *Dom.* Robert Vincentt to one of the works chantries, vacant by resignation of Richard Smyth, on nomination of Mr. [blank] master of the Works for this year, and he took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF MR. NICHOLAS BAYTE TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE—On 1 May, the gentlemen of the chapter being assembled chapter-wise, the dean admitted Master Nicholas Baite to the parish church or chapel of St. Mary Magdalene within the close of Lincoln, vacant by resignation of Mr. Edward Derby, archdeacon, on the presentation of Mr. Nicholas Bradebrige, in right of his chancellorship for this third turn.

Folio 30d.

COLLATION TO THE ALTAR OF ST. PETER—On 28 June, 1522, the dean and chapter of Lincoln being assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter according to custom, conferred the chantry or keepership of the altar of St. Peter founded in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of Master Robert Newton, late cantarist or keeper, on Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, as follows: John Constable, dean, and the chapter of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, to our beloved in Christ Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, greeting, etc.—The wardenship or chantry at the altar of St. Peter founded in the cathedral, and vacant by the resignation of Mr. Robert Newton, bachelor of decrees, delivered into our hands and admitted by us, and belonging in full right to our collation, with all its rights and appurtenances we confer on thee, *intuitu caritatis*, and we institute you as keeper and perpetual chaplain to cherish and observe to the utmost of your power the foundation and ordinances of the said chantry, of laudable use from of old,—As well as to pay annually to the said Mr. Robert Newton during his life an annual pension of £6 13s. 4d. by equal portions at the feasts of St. Michael the archangel next ensuing, the nativity of our Lord, the annunciation of St. Mary, and the nativity of St. John Baptist, out of the fruits and profits of the said chantry as assigned by authority of the ordinary, with the assent and consent of all concerned. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal hereto. Dated in our chapter-house, 28 June, 1522.

Folio 31. [blank].

Folio 32.

ADMISSION OF PETER EFFARD TO THE OFFICE OF CHAPTER CLERK¹—Chapter Acts of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln commenced on 9 August, 1522, in the time of Peter Effard, clerk, notary-public, on whom the venerable John Constable, dean, Simon Foderby *als.* Grene, precentor, Nicholas Bradbrigge, chancellor, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, and Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary of the said church, then being in the chapter-house and forming a chapter, unanimously conferred the office of chapter-clerk, vacant by death of Mr. Thomas Alys,² and admitted the said Peter Effard to the

¹ With the admission of Mr. Peter Effard to be chapter clerk, the Chapter Acts are more clearly and beautifully written, the entries more regularly made, and the division into years more plainly marked. He held the office till his death in 1541.

² Though Mr. Thomas Alys' will is not entered here, probably owing to the vacancy in the chapter clerk's office, it was proved in the cathedral on 3 August, 1522, and has been printed in full in the volume of Lincoln Wills, issued by the Lincoln Record Society, vol. I, p. 110.

office in as ample a manner and form as any other had held it, his oath being reserved until, etc.

LICENCE TO TREAT ABOUT AN ANNUAL PENSION—At the same time etc., the above-named gentlemen of the chapter granted licence to *Dom.* Christopher Huchenson, chaplain of the chantry of St. Mary the Virgin of New Lafford in their jurisdiction, to treat with some fitting chaplain for an annual pension to be assigned to him out of the profits of the said chantry, reserving to themselves power to tax or moderate the said pension, when the time should come.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS FOR THE COMMON FUND—On 16 August the precentor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled in the chapter-house, and forming a Saturday chapter, as they asserted, treated of the choice of auditors for the common fund according to the custom of the church, and they chose the precentor and the archdeacon of Stowe as auditors for the present year.

CHANTRY OF ST. MARY OF LAFFORD—On Saturday, 23 August, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, *Dom.* Robert Red, chaplain, was admitted to the perpetual chantry of St. Mary of New Lafford in the prebendal church there, on the presentation of John Husey, knt., Robert Gibbe and John Wycham, parishioners, patrons in virtue of the foundation, and he was canonically instituted in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, on the vacancy caused by the resignation of Christopher Hochenson. And he took the oaths, etc., and had letters testimonial sealed with the common seal of the dean and chapter.

Folio 32d.

PROBATE OF THE WILLS OF JOHN HALLE AND THOMAS BRODYNG OF THE OLDE MYNSTER FEE—On 19 August, 1522, in the common room of the cathedral, before Master Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary, provost for this year, were proved the wills of John Halle of Burgh in the Marsh, and of Thomas Brodyng of the same, belonging to the dean and chapter by reason of "le Oldemynster Fee", and their executors on oath compounded by paying a fine, etc., and were dismissed *salvo jure*, etc.

INDUCTION OF MR. JOHN LONDON INTO THE PREBEND OF ALL SAINTS, HUNGATE—On Saturday, 30 August, before the dean, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and forming a chapter, Master Nicholas Bradbrig, the chancellor as proctor for Master John London, LL.D., exhibited mandatory letters of John bishop of Lincoln concerning his induction into the canonry and prebend of All Saints in Hungate, Lincoln, vacant by death of *Dom.* John Staple, and in virtue of these letters the chapter admitted the said John London to the canonry and prebend aforesaid, and inducted him and ordered his induction, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrig, his proctor, in the real and corporal possession thereof, and he took the oaths to observe the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book, according to custom.

DELIVERY OF BONDS TO THE LATE SHERIFFS OF LINCOLN—At the same time, etc., the chapter unanimously determined and agreed amongst themselves that Thomas Gressington and Edward Dawson, Edward Smyth and Thomas Power, late sheriffs of the city of Lincoln should have their bonds. in which they were bound to the dean and chapter for the payment of the fee-farm of the said city for the use of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh, and all others.

ACQUITTANCE OF ADMINISTRATORS OF MATTHEW BLAKBORNE—At the same time, etc., the chapter unanimously granted acquittance under their common seal to *Dom.* William Freman and *Dom.* William Moyses chaplains, administrators of the goods of *Dom.* Mathew Blakborne, who lately died intestate, on their rendering account thereof, etc.

Folio 33.

ADMISSION OF JOHN GARVEY TO THE OFFICE OF VERGER—On Saturday, 6 Sept., 1522, John Garvey was admitted to the office of verger in the cathedral, vacant by the dimission of John Barker, on the authority of letters from the bishop as follows : John bishop of Lincoln, etc., to John Garvey, greeting, etc. In consideration of the useful service done, and hereafter to be done by you to us and to our church of Lincoln, we confer and bestow on you, *intuitu caritatis*, the office of verger, or verge-bearer, in the said church, which John Barker lately held, which is now vacant by his dimission and belongs to our gift, and we appoint you verger in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, our own episcopal rights and the dignity of our cathedral always reserved, for the term of your life. In witness whereof our seal is affixed to these presents. Dated 1 Sept., 1522, the second of our consecration.

At the same time etc., Thomas Barley was admitted to the number of senior vicars, and Roger Norton as a poor clerk, etc.

HOW JOHN, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, WAS RECEIVED AT HIS FIRST COMING TO HIS CATHEDRAL CHURCH¹—On Saturday, the day before the exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz., on 13 Sept., 1522, about 4 p.m., the Rev. father and lord John, bishop of Lincoln, being so and in such-wise hindered in the execution of the royal command, as well in the arch-deaconry of Lincoln as in other parts of his diocese, that then, as he asserted, he had not intended to make stay (*moram*) in his cathedral church of Lincoln, nor for the time to be installed in it, but only to expedite those things which concerned the execution of the royal command. But inasmuch as by the relation of the dean and chapter, as of others, he would be acting contrary to the statutes and ordinances of the said church if at his first coming to it he should not be installed. Therefore lest the statutes and lawful customs of the church be infringed, although he regretted it (*licet hoc egre ferens*), forasmuch as the bishop's palace was not prepared nor anything provided for his installation, at length he decided to be installed in his own person, and as he approached the said church he was honourably received, as was becoming, by the

¹ This has been printed (with some variations) in Bradshaw & Wordsworth's *Cathedral Statutes*, III, 553-8, as well as an "Ordo Stallandi Episcopi secundum usum Lincoln" apparently drawn up for bishop Longland's installation, from the book of Lincoln Customs written in 1527. In this it is said that the bishop should spend the previous night at St. Katharine's Priory, and walk thence barefoot in procession the following morning, but there is no mention here of this old custom having been actually observed.

dean and chapter clad in silken copes in procession with the whole choir outside the western door of the cathedral at a stage (*scammum*) placed there, fittingly adorned with silken cloths, on bended knees, and was incensed by [*Folio 33d.*] the two most eminent dignitaries, the dean and precentor, with the other ceremonies usual on such occasions, and there the said Rev. father before entering the cathedral made promise to the dean and precentor and the canons residentiary to take the oath of fidelity to the church of Lincoln as before had been the custom by his predecessors. And then with the dean on his right and the precentor on his left, the choir singing *Honor, Virtus*, etc., they led the bishop in procession in the choir and up to the high altar, where kneeling before it he offered prayer. And then the aforesaid responsory being finished, the dean standing at the horn (*cornu*) of the altar on the south side said the prayers over him and the collect used on such occasions. Then the bishop rising and kissing the altar made his offering (*obtulit suam devotionem*) then and there, and turning himself to the people then assembled in great multitudes in the cathedral, he gave them all his episcopal blessing. This being finished, the bishop on his knees at the middle of the altar took his corporal oath on the Holy Gospels, as in a paper schedule, the tenor of which word for word is contained in the Black Book, which he held in his hands and read as follows: *In Dei Nomine, Amen.* We, John by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, do promise and swear fealty to the church of Lincoln, and that we will observe the ancient reasonable and approved customs thereof unimpaired, and will faithfully contribute to the defence of its rights and liberties, and will spend means and pains (*opem et operam*) thereon, so help us God and these His Holy Gospels. This being done, the bishop, together with the dean and precentor and some other persons following, approached the head of St. Hugh making his offering there on bended knees, and then the shrine of St. Hugh where he made his offering in like manner. And then he retired to the residence of the dean, where he was lodged (*hospitatus*), inasmuch as he was engaged, as premised, in the king's business, and knew not that he was to be installed (*nec novit se installari*) at his first coming to the cathedral, for which reason nothing had been prepared at the palace for his installation, as was fitting, and as he would have wished, if the arduous business of the king had not stood in the way. Lastly, however, on the morrow, viz. on the exaltation of the Holy Cross, the reverend father in his canonical habit with his pastoral staff, was personally installed in the chapter-house, according to custom, the dean, residentiaries and chapter saying the psalm *Ecce quam bonum, etc.*, with the prayers usual on such occasions, as in the Black Book. When the psalm was ended with the usual prayers, and the commons had been received by the bishop at the hands of the clerk of the common. [*Folio 34*] the same members of the chapter led him, with his pastoral staff preceding him, to his episcopal seat in the choir, in which he was honorably installed according to the laudable custom of the church.¹

INSTALLATION OF MR. JOHN REYNE IN HIS OWN PERSON—At the same time, etc., Master John Reyne, doctor of either law, canon of

¹ In the MS. of 1527 it is added that "afterwards, since he was in choral habit he went to the dean's stall. And on the same day he went in procession after the officiant, and a station being made, he made a sermon to the people, and the sermon being ended, he went into the choir, etc. And he paid for his installation Sixty Shillings".

Lincoln and prebendary of Brampton, was installed in his own person according to the form used in like cases, and took the oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MR. JOHN LONDON IN HIS OWN PERSON—At the same time, etc., Master John London, treasurer, and canon and prebendary of All Saints in Hungate, was installed in his own person according to the statutes with Go up higher (*Ascende superius*) by reason of his dignity, and he took the oaths, etc., according to the Black Book.

THE 1ST YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK. RENDERING OF ACCOUNT OF THE COMMON—On Monday, the morrow of the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, viz., 22 September, 1522, in the chapter-house, there being present there Masters John Constable, dean, Simon Foderby *als.* Grene, precentor, Nicholas Bradbrigge, chancellor, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, Christopher Massingberd and John Talbot, canons residentiary, assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, after some talk among themselves as to the choice of officers for the following year, an account having been first rendered of the common for the preceding year, they chose unanimously Mr. Edward Derby, archdeacon, as provost¹ for the next year, and Masters Simon Foderby *als.* Grene, precentor as senior, and Nicholas Bradbrigg, chancellor, as junior, master of the fabric, and also Mr. Christopher Massingberd as master of Barth. Burghersh's Chantry, and Mr. John Talbot as master of the house of choristers for the next year.

LICENCE FOR NEW STATUTES FOR CHANTRY OF MANTON—On Saturday, 4 October in the Chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, Massingberd and Talbot, assembled chapter-wise etc., appeared [*Folio 34d.*] Master Robert Newton, bachelor of decrees, master or warden of the Chantry of Manton in the patronage of the dean and chapter, and craved leave to obtain a Bull from the pope to be addressed to the bishop, or to his vicar-general in spirituals, for the reformation of the statutes of the said chantry, or for a new ordering of them, if necessary. And the chapter kindly (*benigniter*) granted him such licence, so it be without prejudice to themselves or to the church.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD DE LASCY AND OTHERS—At the same time etc., the same gentlemen of the chapter, *intuitu caritalis*, conferred the chantry for the souls of Richard Lascy, Robert Rowell and Hervey de Luda, founded in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in the cathedral, and vacant by the death of *Dom.* William Howkham, last chaplain or cantarist, on *Dom.* Thomas Barley, chaplain, and instituted him therein with all its rights, etc. Reserving an annual pension of xxvjs. viij*d.* assigned by authority of the ordinary to Richard Smyth, late cantarist, for his life, to be paid annually out of the profits of the said chantry. And he took the oaths, etc., and had thereupon his letters testimonial.

¹ The duties of the provost are printed in full from the Lincoln Customs in Bradshaw and Wordsworth's *Cathedral Statutes*, ii, 168-9. He seems to have been the executive officer of the chapter, having to keep the chapter seal for daily use and one key of the chest containing the great seal, to receive and examine the daily letters and documents received, to supervise the clerk of the common in his care and distribution of the revenues of the cathedral, and twice a year to ride round and visit the appropriated churches and estates.

MONITION TO THOMAS PALFREMAN, CANTARIST—Also, at the same time, etc., they admonished *Dom.* Thomas Palfreman, holding a perpetual chantry in the cathedral, who then and there appeared in person before them, that within the fortnight next following he should receive his commons within the close, according to custom, as the other cantarists do, under penalty of the law.

DECREE FOR THE CITATION OF ROBERT RICHE, CANTARIST—Also, at the same time, etc., they decreed that *Dom.* Robert Riche, cantarist of the chantry founded for the soul of William de Thornaco, in the chapel in which the mass of St. Mary is daily sung, should be cited in the best forms of law (*viis et modis quibus de jure melius poterit*) to show cause why he should not be deprived of the said chantry on account of his absence and violation of his oath, on the 8 November next, etc.

Folio 35.

ADMISSION OF RICHARD HADFIELD AS JUNIOR VICAR CHORAL—On Friday, 10 October, 1522, present, the dean, Massingberd and Talbot, sitting in their canonical habits by the shrine of John de Dalderby, they admitted *Dom.* Richard Hadfield as junior vicar choral, and he took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF RICHARD GREVES OF WELLINGORE—On 8 November, 1522, in the common room of the cathedral, before Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, canon residentiary and provost for this year in the name of the dean and chapter, was proved the will of Richard Greves, of Wellingore, in their jurisdiction, and administration was committed to Edward Thomson and Christopher Arnold, the executors named therein, etc.

EXTENSION OF THE LEASE OF BRANSTON PORTION—On 29 November, in the chapter-house, the precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe and Talbot (Massingberd then celebrating high mass), assembled chapter-wise, etc., granted and let to farm a certain portion called Branston, in Hameldon, to Simon Swaffeld, Thomas Lacy and Simon Burton, for a term of 12 years beyond the terms expressed in the indentures before granted.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF HERVEY BEEK AT NORMANBY—At the same time, etc., the chapter conferred *intuitu caritatis* the chantry founded in the parish church of Normanby for the soul of Hervey Beek, vacant by the resignation of John Richardson, last chaplain, on *Dom.* Thomas Stampe, chaplain, and instituted him as cantarist on taking the usual oaths.

Folio 35d.

ADMISSION OF RICHARD LEE AS POOR CLERK—On 21 December, 1522, within the choir of the cathedral, in parley after compline, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, assembled chapter-wise, admitted one Richard Lee as poor clerk, who took the usual oaths.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WILLIAM DE THORNACO—On 9 November, 1522, in the chapter-house, the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, conferred *intuitu caritatis* the perpetual chantry founded for the soul of

William de Thornaco in the chapel where the mass of St. Mary the Virgin is daily celebrated, vacant by the deprivation of Robert Riche, last cantarist, on *Dom.* John Perkyn, and instituted him as chaplain on the usual terms and taking the usual oaths.

ADMISSION OF ROBERT JOHNSON AS POOR CLERK—On 10 January, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd admitted Robert Johnson as poor clerk.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF SENESCHAL OF PAXTON—On the same day, in parley in the choir, with the express consent of the dean, who then was absent out of the town, the precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot unanimously granted the office of seneschal of Paxton, co. Hunt., to Master Thomas Halle, doctor in medicine, for his life and with the usual fee.

Folio 36.

ADMISSION OF THOMAS HERNSELL AS CHORISTER—On 24 January Thomas Hershell, was admitted as chorister and took the usual oaths. Present, the dean, precentor and Massingberd.

ADMISSION OF WOURLEBY AS POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On 17 January, in parley in the choir, all the chapter being present, [*blank*] Wourleby was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles, in the course of the dean, on the usual terms.

INDUCTION TO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF STOW LONGA—On 26 January, in the chapter-house, Master Geoffrey Wharton, doctor of decrees, on authority of a mandate from the bishop, was inducted and installed in the corporal and actual possession of the canonry and prebend of Stowe Longa, in the person of Mr. Nicholas Bradbrigge, the chancellor, duly constituted his proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyke, and all other things as contained in the Black Book, and thereupon letters testimonial were issued.

INDUCTION OF A VICAR OF CORYNGHAM—On 22 March, 1522, in parley in the choir after compline, present, the precentor, archdeacon of Stow, Massingberd and Talbot (the dean being then out of town and the chancellor in his house sick), *Dom.* Robert Gibbon, pbr., in virtue of a mandate from the bishop addressed to the dean and chapter, was inducted, or at least was ordered by the chapter to be inducted into the real, etc., possession of the vicarage of the prebendal church of Coryng-ham, vacant by death of John Hopkynson, last vicar, to which he was admitted and instituted by the bishop, in the person of John Howseman, pbr., his proctor, etc.

Folio 36d.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ORMUND LANGWATH, SENIOR VICAR—On 7 March, 1522, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd (Mr. Talbot being detained by sickness as they asserted), assembled chapter-wise, etc., was proved the will of *Dom.* Ormund Langwath¹, vicar-choral, and administration

¹ Ormund Langwath was admitted as vicar-choral as long before as 1 Feb., 1494. This will does not seem to have been preserved, but the inventory of the cathedral treasures in 1536 includes a Cope of white damask, having in the hood the Assumption of our Lady and in the morse these letters, O and L, *Ex dono dni Ormundi Langwith, vicarii choralis.* Dugdale, *Mon.* VIII. 1283. It was still among the vestments of the cathedral in 1548.

was granted to the executors named therein, who took the oaths and made composition then and there.

INDUCTION OF A VICAR OF LANGFORD—On 4 April, in the chapter-house, present, the precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, the dean being then detained by sickness in his residence, *Dom.* Richard Dodshon, pbr., in virtue of mandatory letters from the bishop, was inducted into the vicarage of Langford, in the person of Peter Effard, clerk, notary public, appointed his proctor on this behalf, to which he was instituted by the bishop on the resignation of Master George Charlet, last vicar. And letters were written to all presbyters of their jurisdiction for his induction.

ADMISSION OF RICHARD THURRE AS CLERK OF THE SACRISTY—On 11 April, in the choir after vespers, at the parley called "le Parlevise": present, all the canons residentiary, except only the archdeacon of Stow who was riding to London, the dean, in the name of his brethren then and there assembled chapter-wise, at the petition of *Dom.* Richard Olyver, sacrist, admitted Richard Thurre as clerk of the sacristy, who took the oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION BY PROXY OF ROBERT SHORTEN IN THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF LOUTH—On 18 April, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, Massingberd and Talbot being assembled chapter-wise, etc., on the strength of letters from the bishop, admitted Master Robert Shorten, S.T.P. [*Folio* 37] to the canonry and prebend of Louth, vacant by resignation of Master Thomas Sparke, in the person of Master Simon Foderby, *als.* Grene, S.T.P., the precentor, appointed his proctor on this behalf, and installed him in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as in the Black Book, etc.

PROOF OF THE WILL OF JOHN SMYTH, OF SCAMELSBY—On 6 June, 1523, in the chapter-house, present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stow and Massingberd (Mr. Talbot being at high mass), was proved the will of John Smyth, of Scamelsby, on "le olde mynster fee," deceased, and administration was committed to his relict and his son, the executors named therein.

RESIGNATION OF THE VICARAGE OF PAXTON—At the same time, etc., the chapter treated of the resignation of the vicarage of Paxton, in their patronage, with Mr. Christopher Massingberd, the present vicar, purposing to resign it under certain conditions, licence therefor being obtained. But inasmuch as Mr. Talbot was at high mass the chapter adjourned this business to the parlevise of the same day in the choir after vespers, at which parley it was agreed that on the resignation of Mr. Christopher Massingberd, *Dom.* Richard Alcoke, pbr., should have the presentation, with the consent of the chapter to his binding the vicarage to pay an annual pension to the resigning incumbent during his own life, or at least during the time of his incumbency and not otherwise.

INSTALLATION TO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF HUNGATE ALL SAINTS—On 13 June, the dean, precentor, archdeacon of Stow, Massingberd and Talbot (the chancellor being at high mass in the cathedral), being assembled chapter-wise, etc., on authority of letters from the

bishop, admitted Master Robert Beckensall, S.T.P., to the canonry and prebend of All Saints in Hungate in the city of Lincoln, vacant [*Folio 37d.*] by resignation of Master John London, LL.D., in the person of Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, and assigned him the stall in the choir and the place in the chapter of old belonging to the same ; and as proctor he took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book. And they wrote (*scriptum fuit*) to all presbyters in their jurisdiction for his induction.

SETTLEMENT OF CANONS FARMS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR—On 20 June, 1523, the dean, precentor, chancellor, Massingberd and Talbot, in the chapter-house, assembled chapter-wise, etc., (the archdeacon of Stowe being then out of the city) treated of their canonical farms, and after such conversation they declared themselves to be each contented with his own canonical farm for the following year.

INSTALLATION OF MR. BRIAN HIGDON TO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF AYLESBURY—On 1 July, 1523, in the chapter-house, present then the dean, precentor and Talbot, forming a chapter, Master Brian Higdon, LL.D.,¹ on authority of the bishop's letters, was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Aylesbury, vacant inasmuch as Master John Talbot, last canon and prebendary thereof, has accepted the canonry and prebend of Clifton by way of exchange, and was installed in the person of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, S.T.P., his proctor on this behalf, who took the usual oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MR. JOHN TALBOT AS SUB-DEAN—At the same time, etc., Master John Talbot, doctor of divinity and of medicine, was admitted in person to the sub-deanery, vacant by resignation [*Folio 38*] of Master Brian Higdon, last sub-dean, and installed, and he took the oaths at the horn (*cornu*) of the high altar to observe the Laudum, etc., as is contained in the Black Book concerning the oaths of dignitaries. And letters were written for his induction to Kyrton and Hibbalstowe, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MASTER JOHN TALBOT TO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF CLIFTON—At the same time, etc., the said Master John Talbot was admitted in person and installed in the canonry and prebend of Clifton, vacant by resignation of Master Brian Higdon in exchange for the canonry and prebend of Aylesbury, and he took the usual oaths, etc. And a letter was written to the archbishop of York for his induction, as follows : To the Most Rev. Father in Christ, Thomas by Divine compassion Cardinal Presbyter of the title of St. Cecilia of the Holy Roman See, Archbishop of York, Primate of England and Legate *de latere* of the Apostolic See, John Constable, doctor of decrees, Dean, and the chapter of Lincoln with all due reverence and honour : On the 1st day of the present month of July we received with becoming reverence the letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, in these words,—John, by Divine permission bishop of Lincoln, to the Dean and chapter of the cathedral, or to the Sub-dean, or in the absence of dean and sub-dean to the President of the

¹ Dr. Brian Higdon, LL.D., who now resigned the subdeanery and the prebend of Clifton, and was admitted to that of Aylesbury, had also been prebendary, archdeacon and dean of York since 1516, and held these preferments together with the prebend of Aylesbury till his death in 1539, receiving during all these years a pension of £10 from the sub-dean of Lincoln.

chapter, Greeting, etc. Whereas we, *intuitu caritatis*, have conferred on Master John Talbot, doctor of divinity and of medicine, the canonry and prebend of Clifton, vacant by the resignation of Master Brian Higdon, LL.D., in exchange for the canonry and prebend of Aylesbury, and belonging to our collation, etc.—We command you to receive the said Mr. John Talbot, or his proctor in his name, into your confraternity, and assign him his stall in the choir and his place in chapter, [*folio 38d.*] and induct or cause him to be inducted, into the real, etc., possession thereof. Dated under our seal at our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 25 June, 1523. On the strength of these letters we have received the said John Talbot, and installed him in the said canonry and prebend, and done all other things required of us thereby,—Wherefore we more earnestly ask and pray that your rev. paternity would graciously deign to execute such matters as belong to the induction of Master John Talbot in the prebend of Clifton, which is in your diocese of York. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal. Dated at Lincoln, in our chapter-house, 1 July, 1523.

AGREEMENT OF THE SUB-DEAN AND ARCHDEACON OF STOWE FOR A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THEM—On 3 July, in the common room of the cathedral, Masters John Constable, dean, Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, precentor, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, and John Talbot, now sub-dean, being assembled, and treating and conversing about a certain controversy between the sub-dean of the one part, and the archdeacon of Stowe of the other, concerning their stall in choir and place in chapter, and feedings of the choir and other matters of precedence which had long remained undecided, the dean and precentor, in the presence of the two parties, desiring, as they asserted, as far as in them lay, not only the increase of divine worship, but also to foster peace and amity amongst the canons, counselled the parties that to avoid the scandal, contention and expense which would ensue by reason of a law-suit, they should refer the controversy to the bishop to determine. And at their instances, [*Folio 39*] each party asserting, the sub-dean that he neither wished nor meant to claim anything but what by the statutes and laudable customs of the cathedral was due to himself and the dignity of sub-dean, and thereupon made public protestation thereof, and the archdeacon of Stowe in like manner protesting that he neither wished nor claimed any dignity or pre-eminence except such as by the statutes, etc., belonged to his archdeaconry, and saving these protests thus made, at length by the mediation of the dean and precentor of their own accord they came to a compromise, and voluntarily chose the bishop as arbiter, arbitrator, and amicable compositor, and they promised, each party for himself, to obey *in alto et in basso* the laudum, arbitration and decree of the said reverend father. And further it was ordained and concluded then and there by the said dean and precentor, with the consent of the two parties, that the precedence should be equally divided between the two, so that the one should have the pre-eminence for one turn, and the other for the next, from time to time, and by lot between the two, the sub-dean to begin and have the first turn and the archdeacon the second, so continuing until the matter of controversy be finally decided. Provided always that no prejudice be created to the parties or their dignities for the future.

PROMISE OF RESIGNATION OF THE OFFICE OF SACRIST—On 4 July, 1523, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, sub-dean, and archdeacon of Stowe, assembled chapter-wise, appeared in person *Dom.* Richard Olyver, sacrist, and for certain reasons moving him thereto, promised to resign (*de dimittendo*) his office to *Dom.* James Tutyll, vicar-choral, on the next chapter-day under penalty of £40, on condition that the said James Tutyll meanwhile bind himself to resign his benefice of Rosyngton, dioc. York, and to deliver to him the presentation of the true and undoubted patron thereof within the 40 days next following.

Folio 39d.

ADMISSION OF JAMES TUTYLL TO THE OFFICE OF SACRIST—On Saturday, 11 July, 1523, being chapter-day, in the chapter-house, present then and there the dean, precentor, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., the dean, in his own name and that of his brethren, admitted *Dom.* James Tutyll, vicar-choral and presbyter, to the office of sacrist, vacant by resignation of *Dom.* Richard Olyver, on the nomination of Mr. John London, the treasurer, and instituted him in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, and he took the oaths of the faithful exercise of the office, and of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter and the rest according to ancient custom. The tenor of the treasurer's nomination was as follows:—To all, etc., John London, LL.D., treasurer of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln,—Greeting. Know ye that I have given and granted, and by this present writing have confirmed to James Tutyll, pbr., for the term of his life, if during the said term he shall conduct himself in a laudable and clerkly manner, the office of sacrist in the cathedral, which belongs to my gift, to have and to hold and to execute the said office by himself only, with all fees, wages and profits in the said church belonging to the office, receiving annually in the said office all fees, wages and profits as fully and freely as any in the said office have had them in times past. In witness whereof I have attached my seal to these presents. Dated at London, 26 June, 1523, by me, John London, treasurer of Lincoln cathedral.

PEREMPTORY INJUNCTION TO THE CANTARISTS.—Subsequently, on the same day, etc., before the said chapter, appeared the greater part of the cantarists of the cathedral, those at least wearing the habit (*sallem habitum geren'*), whom the dean, in his own name and that of his brethren, peremptorily enjoined and admonished that, one and all, they should take their commons within the close and should lie there every night, and that by no means they should be wandering within the city, under penalty of the statutes put forth for that purpose.

AGREEMENT RESPECTING THE MANOR OF MARSTON ST. LAURENCE—On 19 July, in parley after vespers in the choir, present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stow, and Massingberd (Mr. sub-dean then being out of town), appeared Richard Buttre, of [*Folio 40*] Middleton Cheney, co. Northants, the assignee (as he asserted) of Thomas Haselwood, late farmer of the manor of Marston Laurence, deceased, and Daniel Rand, of Suldron, co. Oxford, executor of the will of [*blank*] Haselwood, relict of Thomas Haselwood, deceased, who, after some conversation with the chapter, came to an agreement as follows, viz., that the said Daniel Rand shall have and hold the aforesaid manor of Marston with appurtenances without any disturbance or interruption of the said

Richard Buttrey, his heirs, executors or assigns, or of any other under his or their names, until the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 1525, on condition that it shall then be lawful for the said Richard Buttrey, his heirs, etc., without disturbance of the said Daniel Rand, his heirs, etc., to re-enter on the said manor, and to have and hold it according to the force and effect of a certain indenture made between the dean and chapter and the said Thomas Haselwood, deceased, concerning the grant of the said manor to farm. Moreover the said Daniel Rand promises the chapter that at the said feast of Michaelmas he will leave the manor with its appurtenances well and sufficiently repaired in all things as it is held, also with the enclosures of all hedges there, and that meanwhile he will not waste the thorns or other things growing in the hedges or closes of the said manor, nor elsewhere within the precincts thereof.

GRANT FOR LIFE OF THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF OXFORD—To all, etc., to whom the present writing shall come, George Henage, bachelor in canon law, archdeacon of Oxford,—Greeting, etc. Know ye that we for ourselves and our successors have given and granted, and by this our writing confirmed, to Edward Standyshe the office of registrar, and writer of the acts, and keeper of our acts and archives, in and through the whole archdeaconry of Oxford, and to do and execute all things which pertain, or which are wont and ought to pertain to the said offices, and by these presents we have ordained, deputed and constituted the said Edward Standishe as such registrar, clerk and keeper for us and our successors. Also we grant to the said Edward Standishe by these presents, for us and our successors, full power and faculty to receive, collect and levy procurations, synodals, Peter's-pence, and indemnities of churches, pensions and fines of wills, as well as of intestates, and all and singular other emoluments whatsoever which of right or by laudable custom [*Folio 40d.*] are known to pertain to us by reason of our jurisdiction as archdeacon of Oxford, and we constitute and depute the said Edward Standishe as our receiver-general and valuer of the goods of all those dying within the said archdeaconry, to have and to hold and to exercise the said office or offices by himself or by his lawful and sufficient deputy or deputies for the term of his life, receiving annually for his holding and exercise of the said offices from ourselves and our successors five marks sterling and a robe or gown of the suit or vesture of the servants (*de secta seu vestura serviencium*) of us or our successors, or 16s. 8d. in money for such a robe, to be paid annually to the said Edward Standishe by equal portions at Michaelmas and at Easter, as well as all other profits, issues, emoluments, or sums of money due or of old custom paid to the said offices or any of them, in as full measure as any before these times have had and received them. In witness whereof we have affixed our seal to these presents. Dated 7 November, 1522, the 14th of Henry VIII. By me, George Henage, Archdeacon of Oxford.

CONFIRMATION AND GRANT OF THE SAID OFFICE BY THE BISHOP—To all, etc., John, by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, greeting, etc. Know ye that we for ourselves and our successors in like manner and willingly give our express consent and assent to the aforesaid gifts, grants, etc., of the aforesaid offices made by George Henage, arch-

deacon of Oxford, to Edward Standishe, and we ratify and confirm them, all and singular, and moreover that we have given and granted, and by these presents confirmed to Edward Standishe the office of registrar, etc., for us and our successors in the archdeaconry of Oxford, and have constituted him by these presents our registrar, etc., under our commissary in the said archdeaconry, to have, hold and occupy to the said Edward Standishe by himself or by his sufficient deputy or deputies to be nominated by us or our successors, for his life, receiving annually from us and our successors a gown of the suit or vesture of our servants (*de secta sive vestura serviencium nostrorum*), as well as all other profits, issues, [*Folio 41*] emoluments, etc., in as ample a manner as any heretofore have had or held them. In witness whereof we have affixed our great seal to these presents. Dated at the Old Temple, London, 8 Nov., 1522, the second of our consecration.

[Signed] Johñes Lincoln.

CONFIRMATION OF THE SAME BY THE DEAN AND CHAPTER—And we, John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, as far as in us lies, for ourselves and our successors, unanimously and expressly approve and ratify, and by these presents confirm to the before-named Edward Standishe the grant and donation of the offices of registrar and receiver-general, and all other things as contained in the already inserted letters of John, present bishop of Lincoln, and of our confrater, Mr. George Hennage, archdeacon of Oxford. In witness whereof our common seal is appended to these presents. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 16 August, 1523.

GRANT FOR LIFE OF THE OFFICE OF REGISTRAR OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BUCKINGHAM—Grant in the like terms to the foregoing, by John Taylor, doctor of pontifical law, archdeacon of Buckyngham, of the office of [*Folio 41d.*] registrar, etc., to John Frankyshe, notary-public, receiving therefor five marks sterling yearly, and a robe or gown of the suit or vesture of our servants (*de secta sive vestura serviencium nostrorum*) or 13s. in money. Dated 9 Nov., 1522, the 14th of Henry VIII.

Confirmation and grant of the said office by the bishop in like [*Folio 42*] terms to the fore-going. Dated at the Old Temple, London, 10 Nov., 1522.

Confirmation of the said office by John Constable, dean and the chapter of Lincoln, in like terms to the fore-going. Dated at Lincoln, in their chapter-house, 16 August, 1523.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON FUND—On 22 August, 1523, in the chapter-house, the dean, chancellor, sub-dean and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., after some treating and conversation between themselves, chose the chancellor and sub-dean as auditors of the common for the present year.

POWER TO CORRECT AND REFORM IN THE NAME OF THE WHOLE CHAPTER—At the same time, etc., the gentlemen of the chapter, with their consent and assent as a chapter, for certain causes reasonably moving them thereto, as they asserted, granted, and as far as in them lay, committed full and plenary power and faculty, for themselves and in their names, of correcting, punishing and reforming all crimes and excesses within the Close of whatever sort under the jurisdiction of the

dean and chapter, to the known (*eximie*) discretion of the dean, [*Folio 42d.*] Master John Constable, and that proceedings should be taken against criminals and those of bad repute with exigency of law in the names both of the dean and chapter, and with all matters depending on, or arising therefrom, should be canonically finished and ended at the next feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, and not beyond, and they decreed that this commission should be made out in writing.

PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE BY THE DEAN—On 12 Sept., 1523, in the chapter-house, Master John Constable, the dean, in the presence of the chancellor, sub-dean, and Massingberd, his colleagues (*confratrum*) then and there present, made a protestation, which was reduced to writing, which he read and handed in, in the following words ; —*In Dei Nomine, Amen.* Before you my venerable brethren the canons residentiary of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, I, John Constable, dean of this church, and prebendary of Castre in the same, and canon residentiary, being in major residence, which for three years and much more I have continued according to the laudable customs and statutes of the said church heretofore in use and unbrokenly observed, do say and allege, and in these writings set forth and propound, and protest openly, publicly and expressly, that it is my intention next year to make my minor residence in the cathedral, as well on account of my old age and bodily weakness, and the various infirmities under which I daily labour, as also on account of the visitation of my canonical farm not yet competently repaired, and the defence of my decanal rights and the repair of the churches appropriated to the deanery and my other parochial churches, and for certain other causes moving my mind and conscience in many ways thereto, affirming nevertheless openly, publicly and expressly that by this protestation of minor residence I do not intend nor wish, if God grant me grace and bodily health, to derogate in any way from the major residence otherwise done by me, or to be done hereafter when it shall please me, and to be continued according to the customs of this church. But that this major residence be reserved and free to me in future (*salva et libera in eventu*), so that I may return to it, and be able to continue it in the same state, degree and period of residence in which I now stand, when I shall see a fitting time, notwithstanding this aforesaid protestation of minor residence. And I protest that I wish to correct and amend this my protestation, and to add to it or detract from it, if need be, as often and whenever it seems to me expedient, reserving always to myself the remedies of law, etc.

Folio 43.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT LACY AND JOHN LACY AT THE ALTAR OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR—On 14 July, 1523, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, Massingberd and Talbot, conferred on *Dom.* William Bateman, chaplain, the perpetual chantry at the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr in the cathedral for the souls of Robert Lacy and John Lacy, vacant by death of Ormund Langwath, late chaplain, and instituted him in the same with all its rights, etc., on his taking the usual oaths.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF SUB-PROVOST—On 20 September, 1523, at parley in the choir after vespers, the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor,

chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, granted to *Dom.* John Cooke, pbr., the office of clerk and scribe sub-provost in the cathedral for his life, receiving for the exercise of such office the usual fees and emoluments, and moreover letters testimonial are granted to him, etc.

SECOND YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER-CLERK.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNT OF THE COMMON FUND AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR—On Monday, the feast of St. Matthew the apostle, 21 September, 1523, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, account was rendered for the preceding year, and after treating and conversing about choosing the officers for the next year, the chapter unanimously nominated Mr. John Talbot, the sub-dean, as provost for the next year, the chancellor as senior, and Massingberd as junior, masters of the works, the archdeacon of Stowe as master of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh, and Mr. precentor as master of the choristers, and elected them then and there according to old custom.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON—On 17 Sept., 1523, in the chapter-house, on the authority of letters of John bishop of Lincoln, exhibited by Master Nicholas Bradbriggs, the chancellor, as lawfully constituted proctor [*folio 43d.*] for Master William Knyght, LL.D., the chapter ordered and decreed that the said Master William Knyght, in the person of his proctor, should be inducted and installed in the real &c. possession of the archdeaconry of Huntingdon, vacant by the consecration of the lord Richard,¹ as bishop of Menevia, with all its rights and appurtenances, and assigned to him then and there the stall in choir and the place in chapter belonging of old to that archdeaconry, and he took the oaths, &c., as contained in the Black Book.

COMMISSION TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BUCKINGHAM TO COLLECT PENTECOSTALS AND LEGACIES FOR THE FABRIC OF THE CATHEDRAL—John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, and the chapter thereof, to John Frankishe, notary-public, registrar in the archdeaconry of Buckyngham, greeting, etc.—To collect, levy, demand and receive for us and in our names the pious offerings from all faithful christians within the said archdeaconry, which are vulgarly called pentecostals and Lincoln ferthyns, and are due annually from the said faithful in aid of the great burdens of the repair and sustentation of the said mother church of Lincoln, and as a sign of obedience and remembrance thereof, as also for the remission of their sins, both by law and by prescribed custom, and all and singular the legacies either to the fabric of the mother church or to its high altar in the testaments or last wills of any deceased, or otherwise within the said archdeaconry bequeathed, left or given, or to be bequeathed, left, or given, or in any manner soever assigned, to the said mother church; moreover to implead in our names those who do not pay or who refuse to pay, and to compel, prosecute and coerce them, if need be, to the full payment and satisfaction of such legacies and gifts

¹ Dr. Richard Rawlins had been archdeacon of Huntingdon since 1514; he was consecrated as bishop of St. David's in 1523, and died in 1536. Dr. William Knight who succeeded him as archdeacon, had been prebendary of Farrendon since 1516: he was much employed on embassies by the king, and was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells in 1541.

by any remedies of law, and to require and receive accounts and returns from all persons in our names, and to do and execute all other matters which in the premisses are necessary or in any way convenient,—To you, in whose fidelity we have confidence, we commit our powers and full authority, ordering that of the moneys received or to be received by you, you take care to render a full and faithful account to us or to our messengers, to whom we shall direct it to be done, from time to time when you shall be called on to do so. Dated at Lincoln under our common seal in our chapter-house there, 22 August, 1523.

At the same date a like commission for legacies in the archdeaconry of Oxford was issued to Edward Standishe, registrar of the same, but not for pentecostals, in as much as these are paid yearly by the abbot and convent of Eynesham.

Folio 44.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHANTRY OF NORMANBY—On 2 October, 1523, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., and in presence of me, Peter Effard, notary-public, and of the witnesses named below, *Dom.* Thomas Stampe, chaplain, as he asserted, of the chantry founded for the soul of Hervey Beek in the church of Normanby, dioc. Lincoln, then and there in person made a certain resignation, which reduced to writing he read and handed in, in this form of words: *In Dei Nomine, Amen.* Before you, venerable sirs, the dean and chapter of this cathedral, and the notary and trustworthy witnesses here present, I Thomas Stampe, chaplain of the chantry founded for the soul of Hervey Beek in the parish church of Normanby, dioc. Lincoln, willingly and purposely for certain true, just and lawful causes moving me thereto, have altogether freed and disburdened myself from all the cure and governance of the said chantry, and this my chantry of Normanby with all its rights and appurtenances, not led thereto by force, fear or fraud, or in any way got round (*circumventus*), but purely, simply and absolutely I resign by these writings into your venerable hands as ordinaries or into the hands of whomsoever has the power of admitting this my resignation. When this resignation had been publicly read before the chapter and me, Peter Effard, and Mr Thomas Lillylow, notary-public, and *Dom.* Thomas Hawe, vicar of Glenthams, witnesses specially called in, the chapter having admitted it decreed the chantry to be vacant, and straightway conferred it on *Dom.* Oliver Lammyng, pbr., who took the oaths, etc., as in the Black Book, etc.

INDUCTION OF THE VICAR OF LYDINGTON—On 18 October, on authority of mandatory letters from John bishop of Lincoln, *Dom.* Laurence Hodgeson, pbr., was inducted, in the person of Peter Effard, notary public, his proctor, into the vicarage of [*folio 44d.*] Lydington, vacant by death of Master Robert Purdy, last vicar: and after he had taken the oaths, letters were written to all presbyters under the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter for his induction, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES' HOSPITAL—On 14 December, 1523, at parley in the choir after vespers, the dean in his own name and in the names of all the residentiaries then present, admitted one Alan Mannyng as a poor man of St. Giles, on the nomination of the archdeacon of Stowe in his course by seniority of residence; and he took

the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and laudable customs of the hospital.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHANTRY CALLED COLYNSON—On 2 January, 1523, at parley after vespers, there being present then in the choir the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, and Massingberd, the precentor and the archdeacon of Stowe being absent, there appeared in person Master William Sherp, presbyter or cantarist of the chantry founded in the cathedral called Colynson chauntre, and verbally resigned it purely, voluntarily, simply and absolutely into the hands of the dean and chapter, who admitted his resignation, and then and there decreed the chantry to be void.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD WHITWELL—And subsequently on the same day and in the same place the said chapter, *intuitu caritatis*, unanimously conferred on the before-named William Sherp the chantry founded at the altar of St. Stephen for the soul of Richard Whitwell, vacant by the resignation thereof into the hands of the dean and chapter made by Master Thomas Sampy in the chapter-house on 6 December, 1523, and admitted by them this 2nd of January; and they instituted him as chaplain or cantarist on his taking the oaths to observe and cherish the foundation and ordinances thereof, and to submit to the decree of the chapter concerning an annual pension of xxxiij*s*. iiij*d*. to be assigned to Thomas Sampy out of the fruits and profits thereof, etc.

Folio 45.

RESIGNATIONS OF AND ADMISSIONS TO THE CHANTRIES OF HENRY DE EDENSTOW AND AGNES CAUX—On 30 January, at parley in the choir, before the dean, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, the precentor being absent, appeared *Dom.* John Lambe, cantarist, as he asserted, of the chantry of Henry de Edenstowe, founded at the altar where the mass of St. Mary is celebrated, and speaking *vivâ voce* (*vive vocis oraculo*) he then and there purely, voluntarily, simply and absolutely resigned his chantry into the hands of the dean and chapter, who admitted his resignation, and decreed the chantry to be void. Then appeared *Dom.* Thomas Palfreman, cantarist of the chantry of Agnes Caux, called Caux chantre, which in like manner he resigned into the hands of the dean and chapter. This being done, the chapter, *intuitu caritatis*, conferred on Thomas Palfreman the chantry of Henry de Edenstow, vacant by resignation of John Lambe, and instituted him as chaplain or cantarist on taking the usual oaths.

And subsequently on the same day and in the same place the said John Lambe was presented by Mr William Skipwith, of South Ormesby, co. Lincoln, esquire, to the chantry founded in the cathedral for the soul of Agnes Caux, commonly called Caux chauntre, at the altar of St. Michael the archangel, vacant by the resignation of Thomas Palfreman, and he was admitted to the same on the said penultimate day of January on taking the usual oaths, etc.

Folio 45d.

PRESENTATIONS FOR ORDERS—On Saturday, 19 March, 1523, being chapter-day, in the chapter-house, the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stow and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., decreed that Thomas Johnson, a poor clerk and deacon, being examined

according to the laudable custom of the church, should be presented for priest's orders on the holy Saturday of Easter next (*sacrosancto sabbato Pasche*) and the presentation was made under their common seal.

On Friday, 25 March, 1524, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean and archdeacon of Stowe, being assembled chapter-wise in the choir after preaching of the word of God, decreed that John Barons, deacon, and Denis Brodhed, sub-deacon, vicars choral, having been first examined according to custom, should be presented, the one for the presbyterate, and the other for the diaconate, on the holy Saturday of Easter, being the morrow.

ADMISSION OF WILLIAM PRINCE AS VICAR CHORAL—On the penultimate day of February, 1523, at parley in the choir after compline, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, assembled then and there, admitted *Dom.* William Prince, pbr., to the number of senior vicars, who took the oaths, as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROGER FITZ-BENEDICT AND JULIANA HIS WIFE, AND OF WILLIAM DE CANCIA IN COMMON—On the Holy Saturday of Easter, 26 March, 1524, after compline in the choir, the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and archdeacon of Stow, in virtue of the foundation thereof, conferred on *Dom.* John Parkyn, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry founded in the parish church of St. Peter in Estgate in the city of Lincoln for the souls of Roger son of Benedict, and Juliana his wife, vacant, and they instituted him therein on taking the usual oaths, and decreed that letters testimonial should issue.

Note—That the said chantry has been vacant for [blank] years and meanwhile one Robert Wymarke has repaired by his own work (*sua industria*) with consent of the chapter, the tenements belonging thereto, out of the fruits and revenues of the chantry.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF WILLIAM DE TORNACO—At the same time, etc., the chapter conferred on *Dom.* Henry Bulloke, chaplain, the chantry for the soul of William de Tornaco, founded in the chapel where the mass of St. Mary is daily celebrated, vacant by the dimission of the above-said John Parkyn, etc.

Folio 46.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF HENRY BENYNGWORTH—Subsequently on the same day, etc., they conferred on *Dom.* William Prince, chaplain, the chantry founded for the soul of Henry Benyngworth in the cathedral, which Master John Watkyns lately held, and which was vacant by his dimission, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—And afterwards they admitted John Wakewood into the number of poor clerks, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF SPALDEWYKE—On 25 April, 1524, on authority of mandatory letters from John, bishop of Lincoln, addressed to the dean and chapter, or in the dean's absence to the sub-dean and chapter, or in the absence of both of them to the president and chapter, they ordered *Dom.* Thomas Hewe, chaplain, then personally present, to

be inducted into the vicarage of Spaldewyke, vacant by death of *Dom. Thomas Eglett*, etc.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF PAXTON MAGNA—On 30 April, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., granted in common the presentation to the vicarage of Paxton Magna, vacant by the resignation of Master Christopher Massingberd, last vicar, to Master John Dawson, giving their consent and assent as patrons to an annual pension for life to be assigned by authority of the ordinary, and to be paid to the resigning incumbent out of the fruits and profits of the vicarage, etc.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF ELIZABETH BAROW, INTESTATE—At the same time, etc., they granted letters of administration of the goods of Elizabeth Barow, of the Bail of Lincoln, who lately died intestate, to Helen her daughter under the supervision of William Moyses, chaplain, inasmuch as the said Helen was not of mature age, and they appointed the said William as supervisor and curator of the said Helen. He has to exhibit an inventory of [the goods before the feast of St. John Baptist next.

Folio 46d.

INSTALLATION OF MR. THOMAS CANNER IN THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF ST. MARTIN—On 21 May, 1524, in the choir of the cathedral at parley after vespers, by authority of mandatory letters from John, bishop of Lincoln, addressed to the dean and chapter, or to the sub-dean, or in the absence of both dean and sub-dean, to the president and chapter, Master Thomas Canner, M.A., was admitted to the canonry and prebend of St. Martin, vacant by the death of Master Peter Roderyk, in the person of Mr. John Talbot, doctor of divinity and of medicine, constituted his proctor on this behalf, and a stall in choir and a place in chapter belonging of old to the said canonry and prebend was assigned to him in the person of his proctor, who took the usual oaths of canonical obedience and of observing the *Laudum*, etc., as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, arch-deacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BUCKYNGHAM—On 26 May, on authority of letters mandatory from the bishop, it was decreed that *Dom. George Heyworth*, pbr., should be inducted into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Buckyngham, vacant by death of Master Thomas Cause, late vicar, and letters were written (*scriptum fuit*) for his induction to all rectors, vicars and chaplains, with or without cure, in their jurisdiction, present then and there in the choir at parley after vespers, the dean, etc., as above.

CANONICAL FARMS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR—On 18 June, 1524, in their chapter-house, present the dean, etc., as above, assembled chapter-wise, and treating of their canonical farms for the ensuing year, at length each of them reported himself content with his present farm for the next year, except Mr Sub-dean, who with the consent of the chapter accepted Castel-Bitham as his farm for the next year, which they granted to him.

Folio 47.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN FOULER OF THE BAIL OF LINCOLN—On 25 June, in the chapter-house, was proved the will of John

Fowler, of the Bail of Lincoln, deceased, and administration was committed to Elizabeth his relict and executrix, who was sworn accordingly, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MR JOHN¹ PATYS IN THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF CENTUM SOLIDORUM—On 21 June, 1524, on authority of letters mandatory from the bishop, Master Richard Patys, clerk, was admitted to the canonry and prebend of Centum Solidorum, vacant by death of Master Thomas Cause, in the person of Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, the precentor, lawfully constituted his proctor on that behalf, and was installed in the same, and took the oaths, etc., as above.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT FLEMMYNG—Mem: That on 28 June, in the choir at parley after vespers, present all the canons residentiary except Mr Precentor, *Dom.* Edmund Wymarke, chaplain, was admitted to the chantry of Robert Flemmyng, late dean of the cathedral, vacant by death of *Dom.* Richard Awney, late chaplain, and was canonically instituted in the same on the nomination of Mr Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe in his course by reason of seniority of residence, and he took the usual oaths and had moreover letters of collation under seal, etc.

INSTALLATION OF MR JOHN¹ PATYS IN PERSON—On 4 August, 1524, Master John Patys, canon of the cathedral and prebendary of Centum Solidorum, was installed in his own person according to the accustomed form, and took the usual oaths, etc.

THE BISHOP'S VISITATION—At the same time, etc., the reverend father John, bishop of Lincoln, visited his cathedral church according to the laudable customs and statutes thereof, *tam in capite quam in membris*, by his right as ordinary, with continuation of the same on the days following, letters of monition being previously issued.

Folio 47d.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF SECOND BELL-RINGER—On 8 August, 1524, one William Scatcher was admitted to the office of ringer of the second bell, vacant by the free dimission of Robert Dawson, last holder of it, on the nomination of Master John London, treasurer, by reason of his dignity, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of faithful discharge of his office by himself or his deputy; present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd.

On the same day, at the door of the vestry they admitted one Robert Danyell as deputy for the said William Scatcher, and he took the oath faithfully to discharge the office.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF SENESCHAL OF DORCHESTER, THAME, WOBURN AND TYNGHERST, AND CONFIRMATION THEREOF—On 12 August the under-written letters patent of one John Daunce, knt., were exhibited to the chapter then assembled for their confirmation, as follows:—To all, etc., Greeting. Know ye that the dean and chapter have received and diligently inspected the letters patent of John, bishop of Lincoln, the

¹ In both these places the name *John* is corrected in the margin as *Richard*. He was the same Richard Patys, or Pate, bishop Longland's nephew, who afterwards became archdeacon of Lincoln, and later bishop of Worcester. See Note, 22 June, 1528.

tenor of which is as follows :—To all, etc., Greeting. Know ye that we, the aforesaid bishop of Lincoln, have given, granted, and by this present writing do confirm, to John Daunce, knt., the office of seneschal of our hundreds, manors, and demesnes of Dorchester and Thame, co. Oxon., with their appurtenances, and of our manors or demesnes of Wouborne and Tyngherst belonging from of old to the said office, and by these presents we appoint and make the said John Daunce seneschal thereof, to have, hold and exercise the said office by himself or by his deputy or deputies, for whom he will be responsible, for the term of his life, receiving annually from us and our successors during his life as his fee six pounds and twenty pence at the hands of the bailiff of the town of Thame for the time being at the feasts of St. Michael the Archangel and of Easter by equal portions, together with other profits or emoluments due or accustomed of the said office, and if, and as often as, it shall happen that the said six pounds and twenty pence be in arrear and not paid for one month after any feast at which they are due, during the life of the said John Daunce, then and so often it shall be lawful for the said John Daunce and his assigns to distrain in the said hundreds, manors, etc., or in any parcel of them, and to carry off their distrains and to detain them until full satisfaction be made for the said six pounds and twenty pence, and for any arrears thereof. In witness whereof we have affixed our seal to these presents. Dated at our manor of Bukden, co. Hunt., 10 July, 1524, the 4th of our consecration.

These letters patent and the grant as well of the office as of the aforesaid six pounds and twenty pence made by the bishop to John [Folio 48] Daunce, knt., for his life, and all and singular the other things contained in the said letters, we, the aforesaid dean and chapter, as far as in us lies, for ourselves and our successors, do approve, ratify and confirm by these presents. In witness whereof we have caused our common seal to be affixed. Dated in our chapter-house at Lincoln 12 August, 1524, 16 Henry VIII.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON FUND—On Saturday, 13 August, 1524, the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Massingberd, being then assembled chapter-wise, etc., the other residentiaries being then out of town, treated of the choice of auditors of the common, according to the laudable custom of the church hitherto unbrokenly (*inconcusse*) observed, and at length they unanimously chose their brethren (*confratres*) Masters Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, the precentor, and Christopher Massingberd as auditors for the present year.

WILL OF ROBERT WYMARKE, OF THE CLOSE OF LINCOLN—At the same time, etc., Mr. John Constable, dean, Robert Aleynson, & Richard Salter, the executors named therein, exhibited the will of Robert Wymarke, late of the Close of Lincoln, deceased, with an indenture tripartite annexed thereto, in the following words :—In the name of God, Amen. The third day of Februarie the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth twenty & thre, I Robert Wymarke of the Close of Lincoln Alderman, hole of mynde and good memorye, ordeyneth and maketh this my testament and last Will in maner & forme followyng,—First, I bequeth my soule to God Almyghtie, our lady Saynt Mary and to all the company of heaven, & my body to be buryed within the Cathedrall church of our lady of Lincoln in the body of the said church nygh the sepulture of syr Richard Marchaunte. Also I bequeth for my buryall xxs. Also I

bequeth in the name of my mortuary as the costume is. Item, I bequeth to our Lady Warkes Ten Pounds. Also I bequeth to the high awter in the cathedrall church of Lincoln xiijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequeth to the high awter of St. Margarite church within the close for my forgotten tythes xs. Item, I bequeth to every of the iiij orders of freres within the cite of Lincoln xs., to be devided among the prior & the brethren, And they to syng *Diriges* about my body within my house, And if my said body may not be kepte up unburyed, then I will the same *Diriges* be done in the church of Saynt Margarite aforsaid. Item, I bequeth to Saynt Anne gilde in Lincoln vis. viij*d.* Item, I bequeth to the gret gilde in Lincoln vis. viij*d.* Item, I bequeth to the Clerkes gilde in Lincoln vis. viij*d.*, And the brethren to say for my soule the psalme *De Profundis* &c. upon the fest day after ther dyner be done. Item, I bequeth to our Ladies [*Folio 48d.*] gilde in Boston xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I will ther be xli. distributed to prestes & clerkes & poure people in almes the day of my buryall. Item, I will that other xli. be likewise distributed to prestes, clerkes & pore folkes in almes the seventh day after my buryall. Item, I will that other xli. be likewise distributed among prestes, clerkes & pore people in almes the xxxth day after my buriall. Item, I bequeth for my Obite to be done for my soule within the cathedrall church of Lincoln vii. xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I will that the day of my buryall xiiij torches be bought & xiiij pore men shall holde theym the day of my buriall, the vijth day, & the xxxth day in the tyme of *Diriges* & Masses, & at myne obite in the church of Lincoln, And every of the xiii pore men shall have one gowne with one hooke of blake fryse redy made, & every of the said dayes every one of theym shall have for ther dyner iiij*d.* Item, I will that myne executors shall agree with the thresaurer or his depute for entryng in to the said Cathedrall church with the said torches, And the same torches ij of theym to Saynt Margarite church aforsaid, & all the other to the pore churches within the Cite of Lincoln aftr the discrecion of myne executors. Item, I bequeth to Willm. Wymark my brother son in money Twenty Pounds. Item, I bequeth to Jane Salter towards her mariage xls. Item, I bequeth to John Salter my godson xls. & a standing maser with iiij leons at the fote with the cover to the same. Item, I bequeth to Robert Wallys my godson xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I bequeth to Thomas Dubney my suster son lxvis. viij*d.* Item, I bequeth to Agnes Dubney my suster xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I bequeth to Alice Cawdrey my suster if she lyve after me xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I bequeth to Isabell Boner the wif of Robert Boner xiijs. iiij*d.* Item, I bequeth to Thomas Smyth my broder in law my best gowne, my mortuary excepte. Item, I bequeth to Olyver Chatterton one gowne; to Thomas Briggs one gowne; to William Robson one gowne. Item, I will that ii priests, that is to say syr William Uttyng & syr Robert West syng for my soule, my wiffes soules, & all christen soules in the church of Saynt Margarite within the close of Lincoln by the space of vii yeres, they to have yerly for ther wages eyther of them cs. of lawfull money of England, fyndyng to themselves bred and wyne and wexe. Item, that my chalys, vestements and all my other stuffe for ministracion of masses aftr the said vii yere be done & expired shal remaine to the said church of Saynt Margarite for ever. Item, I bequeth to Agnes Kylborn xiiis. iiij*d.* Item, I bequeth to the olde vicars xls. and thei to do one obite for my soule within ther howse. Item, I bequeth to the prestes of Burgersh Chauntry xxs. to do an obite for me within ther howse. Item, I bequeth to the Abbot & convent of Barlyngs

iiij*li.*, they to do one obite for my soule, whiche iiij*l.* I will be distributed in this maner, to the executors of the service at Dirige & messe iij*s.* iiij*d.*, & to every chanon prest xij*d.*, to every novice *vid.*, in almes to pore people ther *xs.*, & the residue to the wele & proufite of the house ther. Item, I bequeth to Jenet Fishewyk towards her mariage *xls.* Item, to Jenet Wilton *vis.* viij*d.* To Blase Salter, *xxs.* To Elizabeth Salter, [*Folio 49*] *xxs.* To Catheryn Horseman, *vis.* viij*d.* To William Chatterton, the son of Olyver Chatterton, *xxs.* To syr William Uttyng my best chamelet Jaket blake. To syr Robert West one other Jaquet of chamelet blake. The Residue of all my goods not bequethed my dettes payed, my funerall expenses done, I gyve & bequeth to M^r John Constable, dean of Lincoln, Robert Alaynson of Lincoln, Alderman, & Richard Salter of the Close of Lincoln, whome I ordeyne & make myne executours of this my testament & last will, to dispose for the helth of my soule, and as they shall thynke best. And I bequeth to the said M^r John Constable for his labours one standyng pece with one cover double gilt, And to the said Robert Aleynson for his labor *xls.*, And to the said Richard Salter for his labours *xls.* In witnes whereof I have putt to my seale. Thies witnes,— Thomas Lillilow prest, William Uttyng prest, Rauf Wallys, William Laneham, Olyver Chatterton, William Selby, and other. Geven the day & yere abovesaid.

COPY OF TRIPARTITE INDENTURE ANNEXED THERETO—To all trewe Cristen people to whome this present wrytyng tripartite Indentyd shall come here see or rede, Robert Wymark, citizen of the cytie of Lincoln, and one of the executours of the testament & last wyll of Edwarde Broune, Jueler, late of the sayd cytie, decessed, Greeting in our Lorde everlastyng :—Whereas I, the said Robert Wymark stand sole seasyd in fee simple of and in the Messuages in the suburbs of the cytie aforsaid, wherof one messuage is sett in the parish of St. Michael in Wykford betwyxt the tenement sometyme Thomas Pycotts of Lincoln of the southe parte, and abuttyth of the Kynges streme or dyke, callyd the Kinges dyke, agaynst th'est, and of the Kinges highway of the west, And that messuage was sometymes Johanne the wyfe of Willm Smyth, tanner, and th'other Messuage is set in the parish of Seynt Marie in Wykford in the suburbs of the cytie aforsaid betwixt the tenement late Willm Horne of the southe, and the tenement late Robert Standen of the northe, and abuttyth of the Kinges highway against th'est and the lands sometyme Robert Standen agaynst the west, the whiche tenements and other the premysse aftyr the auncient lawes and lawdable custome of the said cytie been and have been oute of tyme of mynde devysible by testament, as well to morte mayn as otherwyse, as other lands & tenements of the said cytie bee, knowe yow me the said Robert Wymarke in the name of the Holy Trynytie to make and ordeyne this my last will and testament of the said toe tenements in maner and fourme folowyng, that is for to say, that I the said Robert Wymark to the honor of God, our lady Seynt Marie, & the holy martir Saint Laurence, by this my present Will of the premysse and in augmentation of the chauntrye of Alex. Fytzmartyn in the parish church of Seynt Laurence in Lyncoln by th'assent and consent of Robert Alanson, one other of the executours of the testament of Edward Broune, will declare devyse and bequethe unto the said Robert Alanson the said toe Messuages with th'appurtenaunces to hym and to his assyngnes, To have and to holde for terme of his lyfe, And after the decesse of the said Robert

Alanson the sayd toe Messuages unto syr Robert Tornner capellayn, and [Folio 49d.] nowe chauntrye prest of the said Chauntrye, and to his successours for ever, And I will the sayd Chauntrye prest and his successours shall continually and specially as long as he, or any of them shall contynewe in the said Chauntrye shall pray for the soule of the said Edward Broune, and also for the soules of the said Robert Wymark and Robert Alanson and all crysten soules. Also I will farther that one of thies parties conteynyng my Will of the premysses remaine with the Deane and Chapitre of the Cathedrall Church of our blessed Lady of Lyncoln and their successours, And also that a speciall acte be made by the said Deane and Chapitre that the said Chauntrye prest and the said toe Messuages longing to the same, yerely be visyted, ones by the yere, by the provost of the said Cathedral Church, & he for to have for his labour at every tyme that he so doethe visite & oversee the same so ones in the yere *xxd.*, to be payd by the hands of the sayd chauntrye prest and his successours, the whiche I will that he or they pay unto the said provost for the tyme beyng as he or they will answer to God Almyghty for the same. Also I will that an other parte of this wrytyng Indentyd shall remayne with the said chauntrye prest and with his successours, And the third parte to remayne with myn Executours. And I will that this my Will be provyd and inrollid in the Gyld Hall of the cite of Lyncoln and a tytling of th'inrollyng be wryten one the bakk of every parte of the said wrytinges tripartite. In witnes whereof to all three partes of this wrytynge conteynyng my said will of the premysses I have sett my seale, and because my seale is not known to all men, therefor I have requyred the Deane of the said Cathedrall Church and also the maier of the cytie to sett their seales, And promyse & covenaut by thies presents that I will never alter nor chaunge this my Will concernyng the premysses, but it shall contynew and be my last will of the same tenements. Yeven at Lyncoln the xxvjth day of May, the yere of our Lorde God m^dxxiiij, And the xvth yere of the Reigne of our soveraigne lorde kynge Henry the eight.

The foregoing will was proved before us, the president and chapter of Lincoln, on 13 August, 1524, in the chapter-house, and approved and confirmed by us, and administration thereof was committed to the executors named therein, who accepted it and were sworn in due form of law. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal.

ADMISSION OF RICHARD KYNTON AS ONE OF THE FOUR VERGERS—
Later on the same day and in the same place appeared Richard Kyngton, and exhibited a collation or grant of the office of one of the four vergers under the great seal of John, bishop of Lincoln, on the strength of which the chapter admitted him, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of the faithful performance of his office. The tenor of the bishop's letters was as follows :—John, by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, to Richard Kenton, Greeting, etc. The office of one of the four vergers or verge-bearers in our church of St. Mary of Lincoln, which John Curson lately held, and which by his dimission is vacant and belongs to our gift, we confer and grant to you, *intuitu caritatis*, and make and constitute you verger in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, saving always our episcopal rights and customs and the dignity of our cathedral church, to last for the term of your life. In witness whereof our seal is appended hereto. Dated at Lincoln, 8 August, 1524, the fourth of our consecration.

Folio 50.

Confirmation of the foregoing appointment by John Constable, dean, and the chapter of the cathedral at Lincoln, in their chapter-house, 13 August, 1524.

ADMISSION OF JOHN GILBERT TO THE OFFICE OF LAY SACRIST—To all faithful Christians, etc.—John London, treasurer of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, Greeting. Know ye that I have given and granted, and by these presents have confirmed to John Gilbert, bachelor of music, for his life the office of lay sacrist in the cathedral, belonging to my gift, to have and to hold the same by himself or his sufficient deputy with all wages, fees, and profits belonging to the said office, receiving annually all such accustomed fees and wages as fully and freely as any others in the said office have received them in times past. Dated at Oxford 22nd January, 1522, by me, John London, treasurer of the cathedral church of Lincoln.

CONFIRMATION BY THE CHAPTER, AND GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF ORGAN-PLAYER, BOTH IN THE CHOIR AND AT ST. MARY'S ALTAR—To all faithful christians, etc.—John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, Greeting. We will you to know by these presents that as far as in us lies we approve and confirm the letters of our brother, M^r John London, LL.D., treasurer of our cathedral, which are annexed hereto with respect to the grant of the office of lay sacrist to John Gylbert, bachelor of music, and on the strength of these letters we accept and admit him as such. And moreover by these presents we give and grant to the said John Gylbert (attending the good and laudable service rendered, and to be rendered by him as we hope, to us and to the said church), the office of player on the organs of the cathedral with all the wages, fees and profits pertaining thereto, for the term of his natural life, viz., for playing on the organs at the mass of St. Mary forty shillings at the hands of the clerk of the works, to be paid by equal portions at the feasts of the Nativity, Easter, the nativity of St. John the Baptist, and Michaelmas. And for playing on the organ in the high choir on the principal double feasts and on Sundays thirteen shillings and four-pence, together with four ells of woollen cloth for a gown at Christmas to be made after the suit (*de secta*) of our gentlemen, to be paid annually at the hands of the provost or clerk of the common at the aforesaid feasts, to have hold and exercise the said offices during his natural life by himself or his sufficient deputy. And we, the aforesaid dean and chapter and our successors, will warrant the said offices with their fees, wages, and profits to the aforesaid John Gylbert, during his life against all persons. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house 25 March, 1524, present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise.

Folio 50d.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF SONG MASTER—At the same time, etc., the said members of the chapter granted the office of song master (*magistri cantus*), or instructor of the choristers, to Dom. William Freman, one of the vicars of the first form, and admitted him to exercise that office with all its rights, etc., and he took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—On 15 August, 1524, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd at parley in the choir after vespers, admitted one Laurence Birchewood as chorister, on the nomination and presentation of the precentor by reason of his dignity, and instituted him in the same with its rights and appurtenances.

(On 18 June, 1524, in the chapter-house, present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., Master John Talbot, sub-dean, accepted Castyl-Bitham as his canonical farm for the next year, and the rest of the residentiaries reported themselves as content with their farms for the following year.)

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF RICHARD AWNEY, CHAPLAIN—On July 3, in the choir at parley after vespers, in the presence of all the canons residentiary except Mr. Massingberde, was proved the will of *Dom.* Richard Awny, late cantarist of the chantry of Robert Flemyng, and administration was committed to *Dom.* John Burton, chaplain, the executor named therein, who was sworn in form of law and made composition and so is discharged (*sic dimittitur*).

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS PAMME, CHAPLAIN—On 27 August 1524, in the chapter-house, before the dean and chapter, assembled chapter-wise, etc., appeared John Monson, esq., and Nicholas Bate, vice-chancellor of the cathedral, and exhibited the will of *Dom.* Thomas Pamme, late cantarist in the same, deceased, and after being sworn took on themselves the execution thereof, making composition also by fine from rendering any further account on that behalf.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF THOMAS IBBE OF STRUBBY—On 1 September, 1524, administration of the goods of Thomas Ibbe of Strubby, who lately died intestate, was granted to Simon Clerk of the same, his kinsman, who has to exhibit an inventory before Michaelmas next, and render an account.

FEE FARM OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN—On Saturday, 3 September, 1524, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., treated of the arrears of the fee farm of the city of Lincoln, viz., xvij*l.* due from John Crake and Ralph Goodknappe, late sheriffs of the city, and at length it was agreed between them that the sheriffs should pay the full sum due from them, and thereupon should receive an acquittance. This being done, it was granted that the dean, in name of the chapter, should give viij*l.* to the said sheriffs, *intuitu caritatis*, for the relief of the city out of their alms.

INDENTURE FOR MILLS, &c., AT NEW LAFFORD—This indenture made 12 May, 16 Henry VIII., between John bishop of Lincoln, of the one part, and John Wycham of Sleaford in Kesteven, co. Lincoln, of the other, witnesseth that the said bishop hath granted, delivered, and let to farm to the said John Wycham his four water-mills in Sleaford aforesaid, of which two are situated in one house and are called the dam-mylnes, the third mill, "le hirn-myll," in another house built opposite the teneament formerly William Stonham's (*tertium vero molendinum in alia domo ex appposito tenet quondam Willmi Stonham edificat le hirn-myll*), and the fourth at the east end of the town of Sleaford in another house built by itself and called "le sherene-myll," and [*Folio 51*] also one other mill,

called "le malt-mylne," situate and lying in the town near the bridge called the stone brigg, and also one *pistrinum*, called common bake-house situate in the said town, and also the lord's marsh there of old time let and held with the said mills, to have and to hold the said mills and the common bake-house and the lord's marsh to the said John Wycham, his heirs and assigns from the feast of St. Michael the archangel next after the date of these presents unto the end of the full term of fifty years next following, rendering yearly therefor to the said bishop and his successors twenty-three pounds, three shillings and four pence of lawful money of England to be paid well and faithfully by equal portions at the feasts of Eâster and Michaelmas, viz. for the said mills eighteen pounds and four pence, and for the common bake-house and marsh a hundred shillings [*sic*]. And the said John Wycham and his assigns shall find yearly for the said mills all grinding instruments and necessities of brass and iron for the whole of the said term, except that the lord bishop and his successors shall find at their own expense sufficient timber necessary for the said instruments, with sawn planks (*tablis serratis*) for the repair of the mill-wheels called the alnebordres, and the cogges and ronges, as often as necessary during the aforesaid term. And the said bishop and his successors during the whole of the said term shall undertake and bear at their own cost the repairs of the said mills, as well below land and water as above (the before-exceptions excepted), together with the houses in which the mills are situated, viz. in walls, either of stone or of earth, in tiling and roofing, with carpenter's work and timber for the said houses whensoever they need it, as well as the repair of the common bake-house, both as to its roof and to its stone walls. And if it happen that the said mills or any of them during the said time should stand, stop or fail for want of repair, that then the farmer for the time being shall have a proportionate allowance in the yearly account of his farm for the time of this defect. And further if it shall happen that the said farm of £23 3s. 4d. be in arrear in part or in whole in any year at the above-named feasts for a quarter of a year, if duly demanded, then it shall be lawful for the bishop or his successors, or their deputies for this purpose, to re-enter on the said mills and common bake-house and marsh, and to retain and carry off their distrains taken there, and to expel and remove the said John Wycham and his assigns therefrom until the farm with arrears, damage, costs and expenses be fully and completely paid and satisfied. Moreover whereas the said John Wycham is held and bound by his own written obligation to the aforesaid lord bishop and his successors in a sum of c marks sterling at a certain feast therein named, the said lord bishop wills and grants for himself and his successors that if the said John Wycham and his assigns well and truly observe, keep and fulfil all the above-named covenants and payments, then the said obligation shall be of none effect, otherwise it shall remain in force. In witness whereof the aforesaid parties have mutually affixed their seals to this indenture. Dated the day and year above named.

Confirmation of the fore-going indenture by John Constable, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, in their chapter-house, 17 September, 1524.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF THE DUCHESS OF LANCASTER AND THE COUNTESS OF WESTMORLAND "IN LE IRONS" AT THE STEPS OF THE HIGH ALTAR—*Dom.* Matthew Carter, pbr., was presented to the

chantry for the souls of the Duchess of Lancaster and the Countess of Westmorland "in le irons"¹ at the steps of the high altar, vacant by the death of *Dom.* Thomas Pamme, last incumbent, by Henry VIII, king of England and France, defender of the faith, and lord of Ireland, the patron thereof. [*Folio 51d.*] And he was admitted to the same on 18 September, 1524, in the choir at parley after vespers, and canonically instituted on taking the usual oaths, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massyngberd, and had letters testimonial under the common seal.

THIRD YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 19 September, 1524, to the said Monday, 1525, being the third year of office of Master Peter Effard, notary public, as chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNT AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, 19 September, 1524, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massyngberd assembled chapter-wise, etc., accounts were rendered for the preceding year, and after treating and conversing about the choice of officers for the ensuing year according to ancient and laudable custom, they unanimously chose Master Simon Grene, *als.* Foderby, the precentor, as a man of sense and industry (*virum utique sagacem et industriosum*) to be provost for the ensuing year and granted him authority to do all such things as are wont to be done by the provost of the cathedral, also they chose then and there Masters Christopher Massyngberd to be senior, and Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, to be junior master of the works, Master John Talbot, sub-dean to be master of the chantry of Barth. Burghersh, and Master Nicholas Bradbrig, chancellor, to be master of the choristers, and subsequently they chose the archdeacon of Stowe aforesaid to be supervisor of the shrine and head of St. Hugh for the same year.²

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF MESSENGER FOR THE SOUTHERN PARTS—At the same time, etc., the chapter unanimously granted to Bartholomew Halley, one of the messengers of the chapter for the southern parts, his office under their common seal, to have and to hold for the term of his life, as more fully appears in the following letters granted to him in this behalf;—To all faithful christians, etc.—John Constable, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln cathedral, Greeting in the Author of salvation. Know ye that we, for the good service done, and as we hope, to be done in future to us by Bartholomew Halley, have given, granted, and by this our present writing have confirmed to him [*Folio 52*] the office of one of the chapter messengers for the southern parts, which Henry Beagle, now

¹ The chantry for the souls of Katharine Swynford, Duchess of Lancaster (d. 10 May, 1403) and her daughter Joan Beaufort, Countess of Westmorland (d. 13 Nov., 1440), whose monuments stood side by side on the south side of the steps of the high altar, was so called from the iron grille within which they were enclosed. The patronage belonged to the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster.

² A full account of all that is known of the history and fashion of the shrine and head of St. Hugh will be found in a paper by the late Precentor Venables, printed in the *Assoc. Societies' Reports and Papers*, v. XXI, p. 131-151.

deceased, lately held, and we have appointed and deputed, and by these presents do appoint and depute him as our messenger to have and exercise the said office for the term of his life by himself or in case of sickness or any other just cause, by his sufficient deputy, for whom he will be responsible, receiving therefor all and singular the fees, wages, robes and other emoluments belonging to the said office in as ample manner as any other has ever had them. In witness whereof, etc., this 20 September, 1524.

GRANT OF FEES TO CERTAIN OF THE CATHEDRAL WORKMEN—Subsequently the chapter had some talk and conversation about hiring workmen for the work of the cathedral, considering that Robert Wymarke now deceased had been wont of his own care and skill to superintend the workmen for the fees granted to him. But now, on account of his death, it was agreed by the chapter that Thomas Briggess, carpenter, should have at the cost of the works xiijs. iiij*d.* yearly, with the house in which he lives, on condition that he should be diligent and ready to do work on the fabric when called thereto by the masters of the fabric, or their clerk, and that Robert Newby, bricklayer, should have xiijs. iiij*d.*, the plumber xs., and the glazier vjs. viij*d.* yearly, on the like conditions.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 20 September, 1524, in the chapter-house, George Beausire and William Good, poor clerks of the cathedral, acolytes, having been examined diligently by the chancellor, according to the old and laudable custom of the church, and admitted by him as fit and able, were presented to John bishop of Lincoln, or to his vice-gerent that by the imposition of their hands they might be promoted to the order of the sub-diaconate at the Saturday in the Ember week of September next following: present the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

ADMISSION AS PROVOST OF THE VICARS—On 9 October, in the choir at parley after vespers *Dom.* George Beausier was admitted as provost of the junior vicars and took the oaths on the Holy Gospels "*per eum corporaliter tacta*" that he well and truly, setting aside all hatred, deceit, fraud, and ill-dealing, as well as all undue love, favour, prayer or price, (*prece vel precio*) will mark (*intitulabit*) all those absent from divine service by night or day, and will make known their defaults to the dean and chapter every chapter-day, as in time past and according to ancient custom; present, all the residentiaries.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF HENRY LANGDALE—On 30 October, in the choir at parley after vespers, before the precentor, sub-dean, and Massingberd, then and there assembled chapter-wise, was proved the will of *Dom.* Henry Langdale, late chaplain of the chantry of Richard Ravenser, piously founded at the altar of St. Giles, and administration was committed to William Snawdon and William Snawdon, the executors named therein, who were sworn, etc., and compounded for a fine of vjs. and so departed with quittance, saving the right of whomsoever, etc.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF ORSTON—On chapter-day, 1 October, 1524, in the chapter-house, present the dean, [*Folio 52d.*] precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd,

assembled chapter-wise, etc., the precentor in his course, as he asserted, by seniority of residence, nominated to his brethren *Dom.* Robert Bryde, pbr., to be presented to the archbishop of York for the vicarage of Orston, dioc. York, vacant by death of Walter Kerchever, and on his nomination the chapter decreed that the presentation should be made, and letters were issued.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD RAVENSER—On 13 November, in the choir at parley after vespers, *Dom.* Robert Cleryng, pbr., was admitted to a perpetual chantry for the soul of Richard Ravenser, founded in the chapel of St. Giles in the cathedral, vacant by death of Henry Langdale, last chaplain, on the presentation of Thomas, by Divine compassion Cardinal Presbyter of the Holy Roman Church by the title of St. Cecilia, legate also *de latere* of the Apostolic See, Primate of England and Chancellor, patron by reason of his chancellorship, and was canonically instituted in the same on taking the usual oaths, etc., in the presence of the dean, sub-dean, and Massingberd, and had letters testimonial under the common seal.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF MR. HUGH WALMESFORTH—On chapter-day, 26 November, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stow and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., treated for some time about collation to the chantry of Master Hugh Walmesforth, vacant by the resignation of Robert Cleryng, which chantry is greatly ruined in its houses and buildings. And inasmuch as it was there declared that Robert Alanson, then mayor of the city, promised that he would be bound to the dean and chapter for the repair of the chantry within the next three years, if it were conferred on *Dom.* Robert Percivell, on condition that the said Robert might receive the annual service (*servicium*) during the said three years, at length the matter was unanimously adjourned to the parley of the same day.

Subsequently at this parley the chapter, the precentor and chancellor being absent, conferred the chantry in common on the said Robert Percivell, who took the oaths, etc.

And then by their authority as ordinaries, for the foregoing reasons, they granted as far as in them lay to the said Robert Percivell that from the said 26 November for the next three years he might receive the annual service either for the living or the dead, on condition however that the said chantry should meanwhile be duly repaired, and that he should take part with the other cantarists in the choir and in processions at suitable and accustomed times.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On chapter-day, 3 December, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, assembled chapter-wise, etc., the archdeacon of Stow and Massingberd ministering at the high altar, admitted Alexander White as a poor man of St. Giles on the dimission of Alan Mannyng, and he took the oaths, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS BONSHAW OF WELLINGORE—On chapter-day, 10 December, 1524, in the chapter-house before the dean and chapter then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., was proved the will of Thomas Bonshaw of Wellingore in their jurisdiction,

and administration was committed to Helen his relict and executrix, who was sworn, etc., and paid xij*d.*, and is discharged.

LEASE OF THE TILE-HOUSE IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN—At the same time, etc., the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stow, and Massingberd, let to farm a house in the parish of St. Botolph in the suburbs of the city of Lincoln, called Le Tyle-house, to one Thomas Foster, of Lincoln, tyler, for 21 years, paying annually [*Folio 53*] at the feasts of St. John Baptist and the Annunciation xxs. by equal portions, as is more fully contained in the indentures made thereupon and subscribed by the hands of the residentiaries.

At the same time, etc., they granted licence to *Dom.* William Good, a poor clerk, sub-deacon, to receive deacon's orders at the next ordination, so that being duly examined by the chancellor he have presentation under the common seal to receive the diaconate.

ADMISSION OF EDWARD SEWELL AS CHORISTER—On chapter-day, 17 December, 1524, in the chapter-house, present then and there the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stow, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., the dean then being out of the city, one Edward Sewell was admitted to the number of choristers on the nomination and presentation of the precentor according to the laudable custom of the church, and was canonically instituted in the same, having been first diligently examined by mandate of the dean and chapter.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF JOHN CROSBY—Mem: That on 18 December, in the choir at parley after vespers, the sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., conferred on *Dom.* William Uttyng, chap. *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry founded for the soul of John Crosby in the chapel of St. George in the cathedral, vacant by the resignation of William Smyth, last chaplain, on the nomination of Masters Christopher Massingberd senior, and the archdeacon of Stowe, junior, masters of the works, in common and not in course, and instituted him canonically in the same, on taking the usual oaths, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BEDFORD—Mem: That on 15 January, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise etc., in the chapter-house, on the authority of letters mandatory from John, bishop of Lincoln, admitted Master John Chambres, doctor of medicine, to the archdeaconry of Bedford, and assigned him the stall in the choir belonging of old to the said archdeaconry, and inducted him into the real and corporal possession thereof in the person of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, his proctor lawfully appointed on that behalf, who in his name took the oaths that he would be obedient to the dean and chapter in all lawful and canonical matters, and that he would observe inviolably the statutes and laudable customs of the church of Lincoln, as well as the Laudum of William Alnewyk, of happy memory, bishop of Lincoln, and all things contained therein, and will contribute effectual means and pains (*opem et operam*) in defence of the rights of the church.

INDUCTION INTO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF BEDFORD MINOR—Mem: That on 18 February, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc.,

in the chapter-house, the sub-dean then ministering at the high altar, on the authority of like letters, admitted Master Silvester Dario, doctor of either law, to the canonry and prebend of Bedford Minor, vacant by death of the last incumbent, in the person of the same Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, [*Folio 53d.*] as his proctor, who then and there took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, and the other oaths as contained in the Black Book for canons of the church.

GRANT OF THE OFFICES OF SACRIST AND SUCCECTOR FOR LIFE—

Mem: That on Saturday, 25 February, 1524, being chapter-day, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massyngberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., in the chapter-house at the accustomed hour, unanimously granted and decreed that *Dom.* James Tuttill, sacrist of the cathedral, and *Dom.* Thomas Flowre succentor, should hold their offices for life, and granted each of them letters testimonial to this effect under their common seal *ad causas*.

INSTALLATION OF MR. RICHARD PARKER IN THE DIGNITY OF

TREASURER—Mem: That on 12 March, in the chapter-house, the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, on authority of mandatory letters from John, bishop of Lincoln, inducted Master Richard Parker, bachelor of decrees, in person, into the dignity of treasurer of the cathedral, vacant by the resignation of Master John London, last treasurer, and assigned him a stall in choir and a place in chapter belonging of old to that dignity, and installed him in person therein, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and of observance of the Laudum, and all other things contained in the Black Book regarding that dignity, and this at the horn (*cornu*) of the high altar.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—On 18 March, 1524, the chapter presented Master William Segrave, M.A., pbr., to the vicarage of Wellingore, vacant by the resignation of Richard Marston, last vicar, on the nomination of Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, the precentor, by reason of his canonical farm, and presentation was issued under their common seal to the bishop, or to his vicar-general in spirituals.

LEASE OF THE RECTORY OF SEWERBY AND OF A MESSAGE IN OWMBY—On 1 April, 1525, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., let to farm the rectory of Sewerby and a message with appurtenances in Owmbly, to one Robert Potter, "yoman," for the next ten years, paying yearly xiiij*l.*, as more plainly appears in the indentures thereupon made and subscribed by the hands of the chapter in accordance with the statutes.

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LEASE OF A HOUSE IN NANEBY—On Saturday, 8 April, in the same place, they let to farm a house with its appurtenances at Naneby to one John Disney, gent., for a term of xxj years, paying therefor as appears in the indentures, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On the Holy Saturday of Easter, viz. 15 April, 1525, in the choir after compline finished, the dean, with the consent of the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and archdeacon of

Stowe, then assembled chapter-wise for the purpose, Massingberd being then out of the city, admitted one John Joanes to the number of poor clerks.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE READER AT LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD—Afterwards, on 18 April, the chapter unanimously presented John Joanes to the rector and fellows of Lincoln College, Oxford, for the office of reader of the bible in the same, in the following form of words:—The dean and chapter of Lincoln cathedral to the rector or master of Lincoln College, Oxford, and to the fellows thereof, Greeting, etc. To the office of bible-reader in your college now vacant, and belonging to our nomination according to the foundation and rules of the college, we present to your reverences in due course (*harum serie*) *intuitu caritatis*, John Joannes who has been unanimously chosen and nominated by the chapter out of the company of poor clerks of the cathedral, earnestly praying that you would admit him to the office, and appoint him reader of the bible according to the foundation, and would deign to do all other things which your reverences know to pertain to this matter. In witness whereof, etc. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 18 April, 1525.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—On 21 April, at parley after vespers, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, the dean being absent, on authority of mandatory letters from John bishop of Lincoln, inducted Master William Segrave, M.A., to the vicarage of Wellingore, vacant by resignation of Richard Merston, last vicar, having been already instituted therein by the bishop, in the person of Thomas Picher, chaplain, duly constituted his proctor on that behalf, and ordered him to be inducted in actual possession of the same, and by his proctor he took the oaths.

Folio 54d.

MONITION OF VISITATION BY THE DEAN—On chapter-day, 20 May, 1525, the above-named members of the chapter, assembled chapter-wise, etc., in the chapter-house, received with all due reverence letters of monition or citation under seal of the dean for his decanal visitation to commence (*Deo dante*) on 12 June next. And when these had been received and read by me Peter Effard, notary public and chapter clerk, they were affixed in the dean's stall according to the ancient and laudable custom of the church, used on such occasions.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BEKELLSWADE—On 20 March, 1524, in the choir at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, on the strength of the bishop's letters directed to them for that purpose, inducted, and caused to be inducted, *Dom.* Richard Marston, pbr., into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Bekelleswade, vacant by death of Andrew Isle, last vicar, to which he has been instituted by the bishop, and they will defend him so inducted (*Deo dante*) by ecclesiastical censures, etc. And he took the oath of canonical obedience and fealty to the dean and chapter according to custom.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BANBURY—On 23 May, 1525, in the chapel of St. Catherine within the cathedral, the dean, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, on the strength of the bishop's letters directed to them, decreed the induction of Master Roger Dyneley,

pbr., into the vicarage of Banbury, vacant by death of the last incumbent, to which he had been canonically instituted, and they will defend him so inducted (*Deo dante*), etc.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. SEPULCRE—On 27 May, 1525, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., in the chapter-house, appeared *Dom.* Nicholas Bate, vice-chancellor of the cathedral, and exhibited certain letters of presentation made to him by the prior and convent of St. Catherine of the office of clerk of the hospital of St. Sepulcre in the choir of the cathedral, and on the strength of them he earnestly prayed for his admission to the said office.¹ The tenor of the letter is as follows :—To the dean and chapter of Lincoln cathedral, the prior and convent of the house or priory of St. Catherine, without the walls of Lincoln, of the order of St. [*Folio 55*] Gilbert of Sempyngham, with all due reverence and honour :—To the office of clerk of the hospital of St. Sepulcre by reason of the prebend of Canwyk, vacant by dimission of John Highley, late clerk thereof, and notoriously belonging to our presentation by reason of the church of Canwyk, we present to your reverences, *harum serie*, Nicholas Bate, pbr., humbly and devoutly praying that you would admit him to the said office, and institute him canonically in the same, and deign graciously, *intuitu caritatis*, to perform all other things incumbent on your office. In witness whereof, etc. Dated in the chapter-house, 25 May, 1525. These letters having been received and read by the chapter-clerk, the chapter admitted the presentation and instituted Nicholas Bate in the office on the accustomed terms, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF SUTTON REGIA—On 30 May, 1525, in the chapel of St. Catherine, in the cathedral, the dean, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, being there assembled, on the strength of letters directed to them by the bishop, decreed that William Banester, pbr., having been instituted to the vicarage of Sutton Regia, dioc., Lincoln, vacant by death of the last incumbent, should be inducted therein, and that they would defend him when so inducted (*Deo dante*.) by ecclesiastical censures, and he took the oaths as usual in like cases, etc.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF PETER DE HUNGARIA AND WILLIAM FULCONIS—On 2 June, 1525, at parley after vespers, the chapter then and there assembled conferred, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry for the souls of Peter de Hungaria and William Fulconis in the cathedral, vacant by dimission of John Highley, last chaplain, or cantarist, on Master John Watkins, bachelor of music, pbr., and instituted him canonically in the same, on his taking the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the rules and foundation of the said chantry, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ST. CRUCIS, WITH ASCENDE SUPERIUS—On 1 July, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, archdeacon of Stowe and the sub-dean, being assembled chapter-wise, etc.,

¹ Bishop Robert de Chesney, the founder in 1154 of the Gilbertine priory of St. Katharine without the south Bargate of the city of Lincoln, attached to it the hospital of St. Sepulcre, and granted to it, with other endowments, the prebend and church of Canwick, requiring the prior and convent to find a clerk to celebrate and follow the choir in the cathedral.

on authority of the mandatory letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, inducted Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, into possession of [*Folio 55d.*] the canonry and prebend of Sancte Crucis, and assigned him the stall in choir and the place in chapter belonging thereto, and then and there installed him therein, and he took the oaths as contained in the Black Book. Then, by reason and in right of his dignity of Treasurer, they made the said Richard Parker go up higher (*ascendere superius*) to the place of his dignity.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF ROBERT NAPPE OF BURGH-LE-MARSH—On 28 July, 1525, letters of administration of the goods of Robert Nappe, late of Burgh in the Marsh, on the "Olde Mynster Fee," in the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, who died intestate, was granted to Alice his relict, who was sworn to the faithful administration of the same, and to make a full inventory thereof and to render account when called upon.

ADMISSION OF THOMAS STAPULTON AS POOR CLERK—On 6 August, at parley after vespers in the choir, one Thomas Stapulton, of Retforth, dioc. York, was admitted into the number of poor clerks in the presence of all the residentiaries, except the precentor, and took the accustomed oaths.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On 19 August, 1525, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stow, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., at the usual time, and treating about auditors of the Common for this year, at length they unanimously (with the exception of the chancellor and archdeacon of Stow) chose the chancellor and archdeacon as auditors for this year.

PROTESTATION OF MAJOR RESIDENCE BY MASTER RICHARD PARKER, TREASURER—On 26 August, being chapter-day, in the chapter-house before the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., appeared in person Master Richard Parker, bachelor of decrees, treasurer and prebendary of S. Crucis, and made, read, and handed in (*interposuit*) a protestation concerning his major residence in the cathedral for his prebend for the ensuing year as follows :—*In Dei Nomine, Amen.* Before you, my lord dean and my venerable brethren, the canons residentiary of this church, assembled chapter-wise, etc.—I, Richard Parker, bachelor of decrees, treasurer and prebendary of S. Crucis, protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings that it is my intention to begin and complete my major canonical residence for my prebend in the cathedral, as of old [*Folio 56*] custom according to the whole force, form and effect thereof hitherto in use, and I protest that it is my will (*me velle*) to correct and amend this my protestation, and to reduce it to more competent form, and to add to or detract from it at suitable times and places, and I beg of your reverences that a canon's lodging (*hospicium canonicale*) may be assigned to me according to custom, that I may make and fulfil my residence. And I pray you, the dean and my venerable brethren, that for the love of God, and *intuitu caritatis*, you would deign, one and all, to be with me in the breaking of bread (*mecum esse in fractione panis*) on the 11th day of September next. And this protestation the chapter admitted,

forty pounds having been previously paid by him in full chapter, as is the custom of the church in like cases.

GRANT OF NOMINATION TO THE CHANTRY OF MANTON—At the same time, etc., the same gentlemen of the chapter, after mature deliberation, unanimously granted to Master Robert Newton the nomination to the chantry of Manton, which he now holds, so that it shall be lawful for the said Robert Newton to nominate a fit person to the chapter when next it shall fall vacant, for one and the next turn only, without objection from the dean and chapter, the patrons thereof.

GRANT OF THE ADVOWSON OF BYRTON, CO. BUCKS—Subsequently the chapter granted the advowson, or right of patronage, of the vicarage of Bireton *cum* Buckland to Peter Effard, Richard Burgh and Francis Ashefeld in the following form:—To all faithful christians, etc.—John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean and the chapter of Lincoln, Greeting, etc. Know ye that we have unanimously given, granted, and by this our present writing confirmed, to Peter Effard, not. pub., and to Richard Burgh and Francis Ashefeld, gents., and their assigns, and to each of them, jointly and singly, the advowson, or right of patronage, of the vicarage of Bireton *cum* Buckland, co. Bucks, for one and the next turn only, so that it shall be lawful for them, or each of them, to present any fit person to the said vicarage whensoever and howsoever it shall next become vacant for that turn only, without opposition or objection (*absque reluctacione seu contradiccione*) of us or our successors, In witness whereof, etc. Dated at Lincoln, in our chapter-house, 26 August, 1525.

NOMINATION TO THE VICARAGE OF SEWERBY—On the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, 8 September, 1525, at parley in the choir after vespers, were assembled chapter-wise the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, sub-dean, and Massingberd, who unanimously at the urgent request of the archdeacon of Stowe nominated *Dom.* Edmund Wymark, pbr., to the vicarage of Sewerby, vacant as asserted by the resignation of Master Simon Jenynes, to be presented to the bishop at suitable time and place.

Folio 56d.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 16 September, 1525, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., in the chapter-house, decreed that Robert Dodyng, deacon, Richard Hadfeld, sub-deacon, and [*blank*], having been diligently examined by the chancellor and found fit and able, should be presented, *intuitu caritatis*, to receive the orders of priest and deacon respectively, and letters of presentation were issued under their common seal, etc.

FOURTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN,—from Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 1525, to the same day next following, in the 4th year of the office of Peter Effard, not. pub., chapter-clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 18, in the chapter-house,

in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, sub-dean, and Massingberd, there assembled in person and forming a chapter, accounts were rendered for the preceding year, and each canon residentiary received and had indenture of his residence during that year. Then after some treating and conversation concerning the officers to be chosen, according to the old and laudable custom of the church, for the next year, the chapter unanimously chose Master Nicholas Bradbrigge, S.T.P., their chancellor, as a man of sense and industry, fit and able for the office, to be provost for the ensuing year, and they granted him power and authority to do, execute and expedite all such matters as had been done, etc., by any provost in years past. Also they chose the archdeacon of Stowe as senior, and the sub-dean as junior, masters of the works, and Mr. precentor as master of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh, and Mr. Christopher Massingberd as master of the choristers for the next year, and afterwards they chose Mr. Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, as supervisor of the shrine and head of St. Hugh.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CROPREDY—On 27th September, the dean and chapter, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop addressed to them, decreed the induction and installation of Master Richard Patys, B.A., in the canonry and prebend of [*Folio 57*] Cropredy, vacant by the death of Master Richard Rostan, and they assigned to him the stall in choir and the place in chapter belonging to the said canonry and prebend, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrigge, the chancellor, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took in his name the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of William Alnewyk, and all other things contained in the Black Book respecting the oath of a canon. And letters were written for his induction under the common seal as usual in like cases.

RESIGNATION OF, AND PRESENTATION TO, THE CHANTRY OF MAUNTON—On 1 October, 1525, in the 14th indiction, in the 2nd year of Pope Clement VII., in the chapel of St. Peter the Apostle in Lincoln cathedral, in the presence of Master George Laverok, B.A., of Richard Laverok, literate, and of me, Peter Effard, notary public, Master Robert Newton, bachelor of decrees, master or warden, as he asserted, of the college or chantry of Manton, dioc. Lincoln, resigned the said college or chantry into the hands of the bishop in hope of a pension to be assigned to him by authority of the ordinary. Then on the morrow the chapter, according to the force and effect of their grant, presented to the bishop one Master Thomas Sherp, bachelor of decrees, nominated by the said Robert Newton, in the following form of words:—To John, lord bishop of Lincoln, or to your vicar-general in spirituals, John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean and the chapter of Lincoln, with all plenitude of subjection, reverence and honour. To the mastership or wardenship of the college or chantry of Manton, vacant by resignation of Master Robert Newton, and belonging in full right to our presentation, we present, *harum serie*, Master Thomas Sherp, bachelor of decrees, pbr., to your paternity, humbly praying that you would admit and canonically institute him in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, and deign graciously to do, *intuitu caritatis*, all other things incumbent on your pastoral office. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal to these presents. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house there, 2 October, 1525.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF HAYNTON—On 17 October the dean, chancellor, and archdeacon of Stowe, having held mature communications on this matter among themselves, granted the presentation to the vicarage of Haynton, vacant by resignation of Master William Thomson, to *Dom.* John Smyth, chap. in common and not by course, and letters of presentation were issued to the bishop or his vicar under their common seal.

Folio 57d.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF SEWERBY—On 21 October, 1525, the chapter, after treating of the matter, unanimously presented in common *Dom.* Edmund Wymark to the vicarage of Sewerby, vacant by the resignation of Master Simon Jenynes, and letters of presentation were issued, etc.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF W. WOLF AND R. STRETON—On 21 October the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, etc., and treating for some time about the seneschal of the choristers who desired to be altogether relieved of that office, at length agreed that *Dom.* William Adamson should have in common the chantry founded in the cathedral for the souls of Wm. Wolf and Richard Streton, which Richard Olyver lately held, and which was vacant by his resignation, to which he was admitted and canonically instituted, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book. And then the chapter admitted the said William Adamson to the office of seneschal of the choristers vacant by the dimission of Master William Sherp.

LEASE OF A HOUSE AT NANEBY—At the same time, etc., the chapter unanimously granted that one [*blank*] Buke of Naneby should have the tenement in which he now lives for a term of years, as appears more at length in an indenture made thereupon.

LEASE OF CROSBY HOUSE IN THE CLOSE—Further at the same time, etc., the chapter, after mature deliberation and diligent treating among themselves, granted to their venerable brother, Richard Parker, treasurer, the house called Crosby house, adjoining the churchyard of St. Margaret within the Close, in which Thomas Gryssington lately dwelt, for his life, paying yearly xxs., and in the middle of the term (*medio tempore*) he will rebuild the house anew where necessary, and will stand to all repairs at his own cost and expense during his natural life, and will leave it thus sufficiently rebuilt and repaired.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF HAYNTON—On 27 October, on the strength of mandatory letters from John Rayne, doctor of either law, vicar-general and official principal of John, bishop of Lincoln, *Dom.* John Smyth, chaplain, was canonically inducted to the vicarage of Haynton, vacant by resignation of Master William Thomson, in the person of Master Peter Effard, clerk, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor on that behalf. Present then at parley in the choir after vespers, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, archdeacon of Stowe, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF SEWERBY—At the same time and in like manner *Dom.* Edmund Wymarke, chap., was inducted into the vicarage of Sewerby, vacant by resignation of Master Simon Jenynes, etc.

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COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT FLEMYNG—On Friday, 3 November, 1525, before the dean, treasurer, sub-dean, and Massingberd, at the door of the vestry, appeared *Dom.* James Sille, chap., and at the nomination of Master John Talbot, sub-dean, as in his course, the chapter conferred on him, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry founded for the soul of Robert Flemyng, late dean of Lincoln, in the chapel of the Holy Trinity in the cathedral, vacant by the resignation of Edmund Wymarke, and instituted him canonically as chaplain or cantarist, and he took the usual oaths in accordance with the Black Book, etc.

LEASE OF THE RECTORY OF ST. NICHOLAS, NEWPORT—On chapter-day, 4 November, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., after some treating among themselves, let to farm the rectory of St. Nicholas of Newport, with all its rights and appurtenances, to their venerable brother, Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, for three years next following, paying annually xxiijs. iiij*d.*, beyond the sum for which the said rectory is now leased and let.

INVENTORY OF THE GOODS AND CHATTELS OF THE CHANTRY OF MANTON—At the same time, etc., was exhibited an inventory of the goods and chattels belonging to the chantry of Manton, indifferently appraised, which the present warden or master of the chantry is bound to leave in quantity and quality to his successor as follows:—Inventory of all and singular the goods left by Master Robert Newton, late master or warden of the college or chantry of Manton, dioc. Linc., appraised by Henry Rutkyn, of Manton, William Burnyby, Henry Burnyby, William Moore, and Anthony Bonyng, of the same, on 12 October, 1525.

Hall.

Imprimis, a halyng over the dorse.¹ Item, vj qwyshens, iij tables, a chayre, iij formes, a stole and a table in the parlor.

Price of all . . . xlvijs. viiij*d.*

Plate.

Item, a sylver salt, weying xij unce and a half. Price . . . iijs. ijd. le unce.

Total . . . xxxixs. vjd.

Item, vj sylver sponys, weying vij unce and a half. Price . . . iijs. ijd. le unce.

Total . . . xxiijs. viiij*d.*

Item, vj sylver sponys, weying iij unce and iij quarterons. Price . . . iijs. le unce.

Total . . . xvijs. iiij*d.*

In the Buttery (*Promptuarium*).

Item, an amery², a basyn and the ewer, vij candlestikes, v borde clothes of flax, v borde clothes of herdyn, xij napkyns, ij dosen trenchours, godardes,³ and iij saltes of stone, xxij ale cannes, iij ale tubbes, a saltyng kyte⁴ with a cover, a leder tankerd vj botelles, iij shelfes, iij coffers, a basyn of pewter xxvijs. iiij*d.*

In the Kitchen.

Item, vj brasse pots (xxvijs. viiij*d.*). Item, iij pannes and a ketill

¹ *A halyng over the dorse*, i.e. a halling, tapestry, or painted cloth for the walls over the back of the hall.

² *An amery*, i.e. an aumbry or cupboard.

³ *Godardes*, drinking cups or goblets.

⁴ *Kyte*, or *kil*, a wooden bucket with a lid.

(xiijs. iiij*d.*), xij platers, xij dishes, xij sawcers, viij potyngers, at xvjs., a grydyron (iiij*d.*), a chafyndishe (viij*d.*), and a brasyn mortar with the pestell (iijs.), v spittes, and ij payre cobeyerons,¹ a dropyng panne (xiijs. iiij*d.*), a payre tongs, a fyre pan, a scowmer² of laten, a ladell of laton, and a fyre forke (iijs.) . . . lxxixs. iiij*d.*

Total on this page . . . xjl. xiijs. ix*d.*

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Kitchen continued.

Item, a fryeng panne, ij branderethes, a payre of belowes, ij dressing knyfes, a stone mortar, ij payre rakons,³ ij payre pot-hengles,⁴ a fleshe hooke, ij hangyng hookes. Price . . . vjs. viij*d.*

Item, a furnes and ij leddes, a machefatt,⁵ vj gret pippes, iiij tubbes, chese presses and chese-fats, a cherne, iiij pykes, and a kymnell⁶ . . . xxs.

Item, vij fleks of bacon, ij fliks of bef, a warpe⁷ of linge, and x strik salte . . . xxvjs. viij*d.*

In the Chamber over the Hall.

Item, iiij iron weges, a hamor, a payr pynsons, a payre of bogetes,⁸ an iron rake, a gret sawe, ij dosen horseshowes, olde iron, ij slabs of iron, ij barres of Spaynysshe iron, and a coffer . . . xxiijs.

In other Chambers.

Item, xj bedstedes, an hangyng over one bed, ij formes, one chayre, a cup-borde, ij chayres, one chest with the evidences, a presse and ij formes . . . xxs.

In Divers Places.

Item, a gavelok,⁹ ij axes and one hatchet, iiij spades, iiij mouke forkes, a step-fate, viij sekas, a wyndyng-clothe, one here, ij strykes, iiij syves, a temys¹⁰ of here . . . xixs. viij*d.*

Item, a seede lepe,¹¹ a beare lepe,¹¹ a mouke rake, ij hay hooks, a booket to the well, a throgh and a borde in the bake house, xlij capons (xs.), xxij stowre gese (vjs. viij*d.*), vij fat gese (ijs. iiij*d.*), xxiiij hogges (xls.), and one bore . . . lxijs. viij*d.*

Item, viij score shepe (xij*l.*), x kye (cs.), fyre wode and tymbre hovells in the orchyard, and colles (xl.) . . . xxvij*l.*

Item, the hole crope of all maner corne . . . xx*l.*

Item, hovelles in the pen yarde, ij standyng ralles, and a sleyd . . . xlijs. iiij*d.*

Item, vj horses, a mayre, ij iron bonde cartes, plowghes with all the appurtenaunces, with vj iron harowes . . . xl.

Item, viij strike of whete, vj strike of barly, iiij strike of hynd corne, iiij quarters malte, a payre of musterd qwerne . . . xxiijs. viij*d.*

¹ *Cob-irons*, the iron bars on which a spit hangs.

² *A scowmer*, perhaps a scummer or skimmer.

³ *Rakons*, rakes or scrapers.

⁴ *Pot-hengles*, pot-hooks.

⁵ *Mache-fat* and *step-fat*, wooden vessels used for brewing.

⁶ *Kymnel*, a tub used for brewing, kneading, salting, etc.

⁷ *Warpe*, a tale of four, used in counting fish.

⁸ *Bogetes*, i.e. budgets, leathern bags or wallets.

⁹ *Gavelock*, an iron bar.

¹⁰ *Temse*, a sieve of hair.

¹¹ *Lepe*, a wicker basket holding half a gallon.

Item, a pike pan with the brandes.¹

Total on this page lxixl. vijs. viijd.

Total of the above inventory . . lxxxil. xviijd.

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COLLATION TO ONE OF THE WORKS CHANTRIES—On the same 4 November, at parley after vespers in the choir, Robert West, chap., was admitted to one of the works' chantries, which William Adamson lately held, on the nomination of Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, in his course as master of the works, and he was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CENTUM SOLIDORUM—On 9 November, 1525, in the chapter-house, the dean and chapter, on authority of mandatory letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, directed to them, decreed the induction and installation of Master Roger Lupton, doctor of decrees, into the canonry and prebend of Centum Solidorum, vacant by resignation of Master Richard Patys, and assigned him the stall in choir and the place in chapter belonging thereto, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrigge, the chancellor, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the usual oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum of bishop William Alnewyke, and all other things as contained in the Black Book.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS BLANKENEY—On chapter-day, 18 November, in the chapter-house, before the dean and chapter assembled chapter-wise, etc., was proved the will of Thomas Blankeney, late chaplain of the chantry of Richard Ravenser in the cathedral, and administration was granted to *Dom.* John Cooke, chap., the executor named therein, and because the chapter had manifold confidence in his fidelity, they discharged him from any further rendering of account.

ADMISSION OF JOHN JACKSON AS CHORISTER—On the vigil of St. Andrew the Apostle, 29 November, at parley after vespers, John Jackson was admitted into the number of choristers, on presentation of the precentor.

ADMISSION OF JOHN SANDEBY AS CHORISTER—Similarly on Saturday, 2 December, John Sandeby, of Willingore, was admitted chorister in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

ADMISSION OF THOS. ACREHED AND THOS. STAPULON AS JUNIOR VICARS—On 9 December, at parley after vespers, compline being finished in the choir, Thomas Acrehed and Thomas Stapulton were admitted vicars of the second form, in the presence of the dean, precentor, and Massingberd, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

Folio 59d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SUTTON-IN-MARISCO—On 31 October, 1525, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd being then assembled chapter-wise, etc., on the strength of mandatory letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, directed to them, decreed the induction and installation of

¹ *A pike pan with the brandes*, i.e. a pan for pitch with the branding irons.

Master Edward Powell, S.T.P., in the canonry and prebend of Sutton-in-Marisco, vacant by death of Master John Twaytes, and assigned him a stall and a place in chapter, etc., in the person of Master Simon Greneals. Foderby, precentor, lawfully constituted his proctor on that behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SEXAGINTA SOLIDORUM—On 12 December, on authority of like mandatory letters, the dean and chapter installed and inducted Master Nicholas Metcalf, S.T.P., into the canonry and prebend of Sexaginta Solidorum, vacant by death of Master Thomas Knyght, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrig, chancellor, etc., etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CARLTON CUM THURLBY—At the same time, etc., Master John Underhill, clk., was installed in the canonry and prebend of Carlton *cum* Thurlby, vacant by resignation of Master Edward Powell, in the person of the said Master Nicholas Bradbrig, etc., and letters testimonial were issued. Present, the sub-dean, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, the dean being then absent out of town.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 20 December Thomas Acred was presented for sub-deacon's, and John Cressy for deacon's, orders, on title of the church of Lincoln.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On 5 January, 1525, in the choir at parley after vespers, John Acreshe was admitted to the number of poor clerks according to the statutes. Present, the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, the dean being then ill, and the sub-dean absent.

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INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON RYVALL—On 3 February, 1525, in the common chamber of the cathedral, Master Laurence Barbor, M.A., was admitted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Welton Ryvall, vacant by resignation of Master John Clemens, in the person of Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on that behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book, and letters testimonial were issued thereupon.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On the penultimate day of February Richard Hadfeld, vicar-choral of the second form and deacon, was presented to the bishop or his vice-gerent to receive the order of the presbyterate on the Saturday in the first week of Lent, having been first examined according to the custom of the church.

On March 15 George Beausire, sub-deacon, and Thomas Stapulton, acolyte, vicars-choral of the 2nd form, were similarly presented to receive respectively the diaconate and sub-diaconate on the Saturday on which *Silientes*, etc.,¹ is sung in church, after examination held.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ALL SAINTS IN HUNGATE—On 10 March, 1525, Master Sylvester Darius, doctor of either law, was installed in the canonry and prebend of All Saints, Hungate, in the city

¹ *Silientes* is the first word of the Office or Introit for the Saturday before the 5th Sunday in Lent.

of Lincoln, in the person of Master Richard Parker, his proctor, who took the oaths as above, and letters testimonial were issued under the common seal *ad causas*.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS BURGH, CHAP.—On 17 March, in the chapter-house, before the dean and chapter then and there assembled chapter-wise, was proved the will of Master Thomas Burgh, pbr., and administration was granted to Richard Burgh and *Dom.* Thomas Lillylow, the executors named therein, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF STOWE IN LYNDESEY—On 31 March, 1526, Master Richard Parker, treasurer of the cathedral, was installed in person in the canonry and prebend of Stowe in Lyndesey, vacant by death of John Moorse, and he took the oaths as above, and letters testimonial were issued.

Folio 60d.

INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES OF RICHARD RAVENSER—*Dom.* William Stevenson, chaplain, being presented to one of the chantries for the soul of Richard Ravenser founded in the chapel of St. Giles in Lincoln cathedral, vacant by death of Thomas Blankney, late chaplain, by Thomas, by Divine compassion Cardinal Presbyter of the Holy Roman Church by the title of St. Cecilia, archbishop of York, legate *de latere* of the Apostolic See, Primate of England and Chancellor, patron thereof in right of his office of chancellor, was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, also to foster to the utmost of his power and to observe the rules and ordinances of the said chantry, and all other things as contained in the Black Book, and thereupon had letters of institution under the common seal, dated in the chapter-house, 6 April, 1526.

ADMISSION OF ROGER CLYFE AS VICAR CHORAL—On 22 April, at the door of the vestry, Roger Clyfe was admitted into the number of vicars-choral of the second form, in the presence of the dean, chancellor, treasurer and archdeacon of Stowe, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book of customs.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SANCTE CRUCIS—Master John London, LL.D., on whom John bishop of Lincoln, *intuitu caritatis*, conferred the canonry and prebend of S. Crucis, vacant by the resignation of Master Richard Parker, as more fully appears by his letters addressed to us, on the 19 May, 1526, was installed and inducted in the same in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, as his proctor, who took the oaths, as above.

NOMINATION AND COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF THOMAS ALFORD—On 5 May, in the chapter-house, Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, in his course nominated *Dom.* John Mayneman, chaplain, to the chantry for the soul of Thomas Alford, founded at the altar of St. Christopher in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of Thomas Smyth, late chaplain, and presented him to the dean and chapter, then and there.

Afterwards on 9 May, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the said John Mayneman, on the nomination of the chancellor, was admitted and canonically instituted in the said chantry, and took the oaths as contained [*Folio 61*] in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BEDFORD MINOR—Master Robert Forth, clerk, on whom John bishop of Lincoln, *intuitu caritatis*, conferred the canonry and prebend of Bedford Minor, vacant by resignation of Master Silvester Darius (*Darii*), as is fully evident by his letters, etc., was installed and canonically inducted in the same in the choir at parley after vespers on 28 June, 1526, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrigg, the chancellor, as his proctor, who took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, and also to observe the Laudum, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF LEIGHTON BOSARD—*Dom.* Robert Watson, pbr., having been instituted by the bishop into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Leighton Bosard, vacant by death of Master John Grise, as by his letters more fully appears, was inducted in person in the same on the last day of June, and took the oath of canonical obedience, etc., and they wrote (*scriptum fuit*) to all and singular the rectors, vicars, chaplains with cure or without under the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter to deliver him possession thereof.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD DE LACY AND OTHERS—On 7 July, 1526, the dean, precentor, chancellor, and Massingberd, in the choir at parley after vespers, conferred *intuitu caritatis* on *Dom.* George Beausire, chaplain, the chantry founded for the souls of Richard de Lacy, Robert Rowell, and Hervey de Luda in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen in the cathedral, vacant by dimission of Thomas Barley, last chaplain, and instituted him in the same on taking the oaths to observe the rules and foundation of the said chantry, and to pay a yearly pension of xxvjs. viij*d.* assigned by the ordinary to Richard Smyth, formerly chaplain, and of canonical obedience as contained in the Black Book.

INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES OF "LE IRONS"—*Dom.* Richard Bayly, pbr., presented by the most excellent prince Henry VIII, king of England and France, Defender of the Faith, and lord of Ireland, as patron, to one of the chantries for the souls of the Duchess of Lancaster and the Countess of Westmorland "in le Irons" at the steps of the high altar, vacant by resignation of Matthew Carter, was admitted and canonically instituted in the same on 10 [*Folio 61d.*] July, taking the oaths of a cantarist as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF NORTH KELSEY—Master Nicholas Smale, M.A., on whom John bishop of Lincoln lately conferred the canonry and prebend of North Kelsey, vacant by death of Master Robert Flemyng, as by his letters more fully appears, on 10 July, 1526 was installed and inducted in the same in the person of Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, his proctor, who took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

PROBATE OF WILL OF ROBERT JOHNSON, OF HAYNTON—On 20 July was proved the will of Robert Johnson, of Haynton, and administration was granted to Cecily, his relict, the executrix named therein, who was sworn in form of law and compounded by a fine, and so was discharged.

VOLUNTARY GIFT OF 12 BOOKS BY MR. ROBERT NEWTON—On 28 July, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, archdeacon of Stowe, sub-dean, and Massingberd, then and

there assembled chapter-wise, etc., appeared Master Robert Newton,¹ late keeper of the chapel of St. Peter in the cathedral, and voluntarily out of his own munificence and generosity gave and bestowed the following twelve books, viz., *A Code, Decrees, Decretalles, Sexte and Clementines, Constituciones Provinciales and Legantines, Archideacon in Rosario, Abbot with Repertorie* in 4 volumes, *Willm in Speculo* in 2 volumes, twelve volumes in all, which he wished to remain for ever in St. Peter's chapel, and to be kept there.

DECREE FOR 'LE DUDDES' AT EDENSTOWE—At the same time, etc., after previously treating of the matter, the chapter unanimously granted and decreed that the alms of Edenstowe should be distributed 'in le Duddes' among the poor of the parish according to the ordinance at the appropriation of the church.

COLLATION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES OF BURTON—On 4 July, 1526, *Dom.* William Bounde, pbr., was admitted to a chantry founded in the church of Burton, vacant by dimission of Henry Norton, late chaplain, on the nomination of the treasurer, granted to him by the common assent of his brethren, and he took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK AND OF A CHORISTER—On 4 August, at parley after vespers, Richard Clyfton was admitted to the number of poor clerks, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes, etc.

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At the same time, etc., on the presentation of the precentor, William Freman was admitted to the number of choristers and swore canonical obedience.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On 11 August, 1526, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Massingberd, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., at the usual hour, and treating of the election of auditors of the Common for the present year, at length it pleased them that the sub-dean and Massingberd should be auditors for this year, and they, being thus elected by their brethren, took the office upon them.

LETTERS PATENT OF RICHARD REY, BAILIFF OF THAME, &c.—To all, etc.—John, bishop of Lincoln, Greeting. Know ye that we, in consideration of the good service done, and hereafter to be done, to us and

¹ Master Robert Newton, bachelor of Decrees, who made this munificent gift of twelve volumes to the cathedral on his resignation of the office of keeper of St. Peter's chapel, held a variety of preferments in the diocese. In 1516 he was presented by Brian Higdon, dean of York, to the rectory of S. Hykeham, which he resigned in 1526 to Christopher Massingberd for a pension of £6. In 1521 he was presented to the chantry of Manton, co. Rutland, which he resigned in 1525 to Thomas Sharpe for a pension of 5 marks. In 1523 he was presented, again by Brian Higdon, to the vicarage of Haxey, which he retained till his death in 1532. He was buried in the south choir aisle of the cathedral, and Sanderson has preserved his epitaph:—*Hic jacet magister Robertus Newton, in decretis baccalaureus, quondam canonicus ecclesie collegiate Omnium Sanctorum Derby, & custos altaris S. Petri istius ecclesie: qui obiit viii^o die mensis Junii, MCCCC[XXXII].* The date of the year which is wanting can be supplied from bishop Longland's Register. In St. Peter's Chapel there is a square aumbry, in which his books, treating appropriately of Canon Law, may well have been placed, but the volumes themselves have long since disappeared.

to the church in many ways by Richard Rey, have ordained, made, and appointed him bailiff of our manors or demesnes of Thame and Dorchester with their members hundreds and appurtenances, in co. Oxon, with all and singular the wages, fees and profits belonging to the said office, and that we have given and by these presents have granted to the said Richard Rey the office of bailiff of the said manors, etc. To have, occupy and exercise the said office during his life by himself, or by his sufficient deputy whom the present bishop, or the bishop for the time being shall think fit to appoint (*duxerit limitandum*) and no other, and if it happen that the said Richard Rey be absent, and as often as he shall be absent or shall wish to be absent from the town for 15 days continuously, the said sufficient deputy shall be appointed (*limitabitur*) by the bishop. Know ye also that we have granted, delivered and to farm let to the said Richard Rey a close of pasture, called 'le courte close,' near the parish church of Thame on the eastern side with a dove-cote there, to have and to hold the same from the Feast of the Annunciation last past during his life, rendering yearly therefor to us and our successors 26s. 8d. of lawful English money by equal portions at two terms of the year, viz., at the feasts of Michaelmas and the Annunciation, and the said Richard Rey at his own proper cost shall repair, sustain and maintain all and singular the dykes, hedges and fences of the said enclosure during the said term and shall rebuild the dovecote before Christmas next, and continually maintain the same. And if it happen that the said rent of 26s. 8d. be in arrear unpaid, in whole or in part, for the space of a month or six weeks after any of the aforesaid feasts, then the present grant with regard to the [*Folio 62d.*] farm of the close shall cease and be of none effect, notwithstanding the present lease. In witness whereof, etc. Dated at our manor of Lidington, 1 August, 18 Henry VIII, the 6th of our consecration.

Confirmed by John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln cathedral, as far as in them lies, at Lincoln in their chapter-house, 16 August, 1526.

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FIFTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 1526, to the like Monday in the year following, in the time of Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk, in the 5th year of his office.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz., 17 September, 1526, in the chapter-house, were assembled the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, at the usual hour, forming a chapter, and account was there rendered for the preceding year, and each canon residentiary received then and there an indenture of his residence made in that year. Then after treating among themselves about the choice of officers for the following year they unanimously chose Master Christopher Massingberd, as a man of sense and industry (*virum sagacem et industriusum*) and fit for the office, to be provost for the next year, and no one objecting, they granted him

power and faculty to do and expedite all such matters as provosts have been wont to do in times past.

Afterwards they elected the sub-dean to be senior, and the treasurer to be junior, masters of the works, and Master Nicholas Bradbrig, the chancellor, to be master or supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghershe, and Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, the precentor, to be master or supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh, and Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, to be master or supervisor of the choristers, and further that he should have the custody of the third key of the common seal.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—On 7 October, at the vestry, Nicholas Bayte was admitted to the number of choristers, and took the oath of canonical obedience, in the presence of the dean, precentor and treasurer.

ADMISSION TO BE KEEPER OF THE HIGH ALTAR—On 18 October *Dom.* John Mayneman, cantarist, on the presentation of the treasurer, was admitted to the keepership of the high (*magni*) [*Folio 63d.*] altar, on the part of the treasurer, in the presence of the dean, treasurer, and archdeacon of Stowe, at the door of the vestry.

ADMISSION OF A WATCHMAN—On the same day, at parley after vespers in the choir, Thomas Briggs, carpenter, was admitted to the office of a watchman, vacant by dimission of Robert Newby, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and of the faithful execution of his office, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LANGFORD MANOR—Master William Walgrave, clerk, on whom John, bishop of Lincoln, had graciously conferred, *inluiu caritatis*, the canonry and prebend of Langford Manor, vacant by death of Master Toneys, as more fully appears by his letters, on 26th September, 1526, on the strength of these letters was installed and inducted therein, in the person of [*blank*] his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, and of observance of the Laudum of bishop William Alnewyk, etc.

GRANT OF NOMINATION TO A BENEFICE BY MASTER CHR. MASSINGBERD—On 22 October, 1526, in the common room of the cathedral, present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., Master Christopher Massingberd, with the consent of his brethren, gave and granted to Master Robert Newton, bachelor of decrees, the first and next nomination to any benefice or ecclesiastical office falling to him in his course by reason of his residence, so that the said Robert Newton may have that first nomination for that turn if then living.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF DECEM LIBRARUM—Robert Forth, clk., on whom the bishop had lately conferred the canonry and prebend of Decem Librarum, vacant by death of Master Henry Rawlyns, etc., on 23 October, 1526, in the chapel called Peall Awter,¹ was expedited

¹ The Peal Altar, which stood in what was known as St. Hugh's or the Ringers' Chapel under the south-western belfry of the cathedral, was so called from the Morning Peal (*Pella matutinalis*) which was daily sounded in it. At this altar, in April, 1531, the chaplain of Hugh de Welles' chantry was enjoined to celebrate daily at 7 a.m. The chapel, which was restored in 1913, has the names of the masters and company of Ringers of St. Hugh's and our Lady bells from 1612 painted on its walls. See p. 76.

and inducted in the same, in the person of Master Richard Parker, his proctor, who in his name took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and sub-dean.

Folio 64.

OATHS OF THE POOR CLERKS TO OBSERVE THE NEW STATUTES¹—On chapter-day, 10 November, 1526, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, forming a chapter, appeared the poor clerks of the cathedral, to whom the chapter delivered the statutes of their house re-formed anew and corrected, and handed them to them in writing, and they and each of them swore on the holy gospels of God to the good and faithful observance of these statutes during the time of their incumbency.

MONITION OF BULLOK AND DODYNG, VICARS-CHORAL—At the same time, etc., appeared Henry Bullok and Robert Dodyng, vicars-choral, accused and informed against for idleness and negligence in rising for matins and in attending the other canonical hours in choir, as bound to do by their oaths on admission, and for that reason called before the chapter, and the dean, in his own name and that of his brethren, strongly and peremptorily admonished them that they should reform themselves in these matters on pain of removal and deprivation of their habit and vicarships, etc.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES' HOSPITAL—On 6 December, 1526, in the choir at parley after vespers, [blank] Wrightson was admitted to the number of poor men of St. Giles, on the nomination of the precentor. Present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, and Massingberd.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BEDFORD MINOR—Master Thomas Canner, M.A., on whom the bishop lately conferred the canonry and prebend of Bedford Minor, vacant by resignation of Robert Forth, clk., etc., on 15 December, 1526, was installed in the chapter-house and canonically inducted in the person of Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, his proctor, who took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, archdeacon of Stowe, sub-dean, and Massingberd.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On 7 April, 1527, in the choir at parley after vespers, John Richardson was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles, on the nomination of the chancellor in his course. Present, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and archdeacon of Stowe. And he took the oath of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes of the hospital.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF SIMON DE BARTON—At the same time, etc., the chapter conferred, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry of Simon de Barton, formerly archdeacon of Stowe, at the altar of the B.V.M. in the cathedral, vacant by dimission of Richard Bayly, last chaplain, on *Dom.* Henry Bullok, vicar-choral, and instituted him canonically in the same on his taking the oaths to observe the ordinances of the said chantry, and the rest, as contained in the Black Book.

¹ These reformed statutes of the poor clerks are printed by Bradshaw and Wordsworth, *Cathedral Statutes*, iii. 559-63, from a mutilated paper roll in the muniment room, marked A. 2. 10.

Folio 64d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CROPREDY—On 22 March, 1526, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean (the dean being absent), precentor, treasurer, and Massingberd, then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., Master John Fox, bachelor of either law, was installed into the canonry and prebend of Cropredy, in the person of Master Richard Parker, treasurer, as his proctor, vacant by the resignation of Master Richard Patys, last canon, etc., in exchange for the archdeaconry of Winchester, and in no other way: and in person of his proctor he took the usual oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF S. CRUCIS—At the same time, etc., Master Richard Pate, clerk, in the person of Master Christopher Massingberd, his proctor, was installed in the canonry and prebend of S. Crucis, vacant by resignation of Master John London, last prebendary, etc., etc.

INDUCTION TO VICARAGE OF NORTON EPISCOPI—On Wednesday, 3 April, 1527, at the door of the vestry, present the dean, chancellor and Massyngberd, *Dom.* John Waynewryght, pbr., who had been instituted to the vicarage of Norton Episcopi, vacant by death of Thomas Meygott, last vicar, as by the bishop's letters more fully appears, was inducted and ordered to be inducted in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, etc., and letters were written (*scriptum fuit*) to all presbyters under the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter to give him possession thereof.

INDUCTION TO THE CHANTRY OF HUGH WELLES, CALLED "PELE AWTER"—*Dom.* James Tuttill, pbr., on whom the bishop conferred the chantry, [*Folio 65*] commonly called Pele Awter, founded by Hugh Welles, of good memory, formerly bishop of Lincoln, in the cathedral, vacant by death of Nicholas Bayte, last incumbent thereof, as by the bishop's letters more fully appears, on 25 May, 1527, in the chapter-house was personally inducted in the same, and took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF JOHN GRENE AS JUNIOR VICAR—On 14 April, 1527, in the choir at parley after vespers, John Grene was admitted as vicar-choral of the second form, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book; present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, arch-deacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On 18 April the chapter admitted the following to receive holy orders on the holy Saturday of Easter, *Dom.* Denis Brodhed, deacon, as priest, Thomas Acred sub-deacon, as deacon, and John Grene acolyte, as sub-deacon, and they had letters under the common seal.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF LAY SACRIST—On Thursday, 2 May, 1527, in the choir at parley after vespers, Robert Smyth, on the nomination of Master Richard Parker, treasurer, was admitted to the office of lay sacrist, vacant by dimission of Master John Gilberd, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of the faithful and diligent exercise of his office as his predecessors had held and exercised it; present the dean, etc., as above.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF BOTNESFORD—On chapter-day, 4 April, the above-named members of the chapter assembled chapter-wise, on the nomination of Master John Constable the dean, unanimously presented to the bishop *Dom.* John Halay, pbr., for the vicarage of Botnesford, vacant by resignation of William Haylay, last vicar, and letters of presentation were thereupon issued under the common seal.

Folio 65d.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF EDENSTOWE—On 11 May, 1527, in the chapter-house, in the presence of the above-named, Master Christopher Massingberd, by reason of his canonical farm of Edenstowe, nominated *Dom.* Robert Palden, pbr., for presentation to the vicarage of Edenstowe, vacant by resignation of John Elton, and the dean in his own name and that of his brethren decreed that he should be presented to the archbishop of York or his vicar-general, and the presentation was issued under the common seal.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF VICE-CHANCELLOR—On 17 May, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, sub-dean and Massingberd, forming a chapter, the chancellor nominated Master John Watkyns, bachelor of music, for the office of vice-chancellor, vacant by death of Nicholas Bayte, and belonging to his presentation by reason of his dignity, and the dean then and there in his own name and that of his brethren admitted him to the office, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of the faithful and impartial (*indifferenter*) exercise of that office.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF RE AND VE¹—Then on May 18 the same gentlemen of the chapter admitted Master John Watkins to the office of Re and Ve in the cathedral, and he took the like oaths, etc.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN THE CLOSE—On June 1, in the choir at parley after vespers, *Dom.* John Cooke, pbr., on the nomination of Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, in his course, was admitted to the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene within the close of Lincoln, vacant by death of Nicholas Bayte, last rector, and canonically instituted in the same, and cure of souls of the parishioners was committed to him, and he swore canonical obedience, etc., and was inducted therein by Master Christopher Massingberd, provost for this year according to ancient custom.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF OLIVER DE SUTTON—*Dom.* Denis Brodhed, vicar-choral, on 2 June, 1527, was admitted to the chantry founded for the soul of Oliver de Sutton, vacant by resignation of James Tuttill, last chaplain, and was canonically instituted [*Folio 66*] in the same on taking the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

INDUCTION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON WESTHALL—On 15 June, 1527, in the choir at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd being then and there present, on the authority of letters from John bishop of Lincoln, admitted

¹ That is, *Recedendi et Veniendi*, the clerk whose duty it was to mark down when the canons and others retired from or entered upon their course of duty in the cathedral, so as to apportion to them the allowances of commons, wines and obits, to which those only who were present were entitled.

William Burbanke, clerk, to the canonry and prebend of Welton West-hall, vacant by resignation of Master William Burbanke, doctor of decrees, and he was inducted into the same in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbriggs, the chancellor, as his proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as is contained in the Black Book.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—On June 26, at the door of the vestry, in the presence of the dean, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, the precentor by reason of his canonical farm of Wellingore, nominated¹ for presentation to the vicarage of Wellingore, vacant by resignation of Master William Segrave, last vicar, in exchange for the vicarage of Bikelleswade, and thereupon presentation issued under their common seal.

INSTITUTION TO THE CANTILUPE CHANTRY—On July 3, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Walter Irland, chaplain, was admitted to the fellowship (*societatem*) of the Cantilupe chantry in the cathedral, vacant by death of William Turre, late incumbent thereof, on the nomination of William Monke, warden of the said chantry, and was canonically instituted in the same on taking the usual oaths, etc., in the presence of the chancellor, sub-dean, and archdeacon of Stowe in their canonical habits, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM TURRE²—On chapter-day, 6 July, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, in the chapter-house assembled chapter-wise, was proved the will of *Dom.* William Turre, late warden of the Cantilupe chantry, and administration was committed to James Tuttill, sacrist, and Richard Turre, the executors named therein, who took the oaths, and compounded then and there.

Folio 66d.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BIKELLESWADE—On 8 July, 1527, in the choir, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master William Segrave, M.A., was inducted to the vicarage of the prebendal church of Bikelleswade, vacant by resignation of Richard Merston, last incumbent, in exchange for the vicarage of Wellingore, and letters were written for his induction; present, the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Richard Merston was inducted to the vicarage of Wellingore, vacant by resignation of Master William Segrave, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS CLEY, VICAR-CHORAL—On 20 July, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, was proved the will of *Dom.* Thomas Cley, late vicar-choral, and administration was committed to James Tuttill and William Bayteman, clerks, and William Cley, layman, brother of the

¹ No name of presentee is given, but it appears below that it was Richard Merston, who was vicar of Biggleswade.

² We learn from bishop Sanderson that in his time before the Cantilupe chapel in the south aisle, there was a brass with this inscription:—‘*Hic jacet dnus Willielmus Turre, quondam magister sive custos collegii domini Nicolai de Cantilupo, militis; qui obiit festo apostolorum Petri et Pauli, MCCCCXXVI, &c.*’

deceased, the executors named in the will, who were sworn in form of law and compounded then and there for a fine (*pro fine*).

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ROBERT DODYNG, VICAR-CHORAL—At the same time, etc., was proved the will of *Dom.* Robert Dodyng, vicar-choral, and administration committed to *Dom.* William Bayteman, pbr., the executor named therein, who was sworn and compounded.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT LACY, &c.—Mem. That on 28 July, at parley after vespers in the choir, *Dom.* Robert Dove, vicar-choral, was admitted to the chantry of Robert Lacy, Richard Ruwell and Hervey de Luda, together with the chantry of William Whinchecombe united thereto on account of its poverty, vacant by death of Thomas Cley, and he was canonically instituted and he took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, etc.

LICENCE FOR THE CHANTRY PRIEST OF ALEXANDER FITZ-MARTYN At the same time, etc., the chapter, as far as in them lay, granted licence as ordinaries to *Dom.* Robert Sawyer *als.* Torner, chaplain of the chantry founded for the soul of Alexander Fitz-Martyn in the church of St. Laurence,¹ in the city of Lincoln, that for three years [*Folio 67*] continuously from the said July 28 he might absent himself from his chantry, and in the meantime undertake an annual service for the living or dead, or any other cure, on condition that in the meanwhile he would expend the fruits and rents of the said chantry (which is very much in ruins, on account of a great and unheard of tempest which occurred on St. John Baptist's day last year) in the re-building, repair and maintaining of the houses belonging to the said chantry, whereof some are fallen to the ground, and some destroyed through the violence of the said tempest.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF JOHN DE DALDERBY—On 3 August, 1527, Thomas Rysdale, chaplain, was admitted to the chantry for the soul of John de Dalderby, late bishop of Lincoln, founded in the parish church of Dalderby, vacant by death of Thomas Cooke, and was canonically instituted in the same, in common and not in course, and he took the oaths contained in the Black Book and had letters under the common seal, etc.

ADMISSION AS VICAR-CHORAL OF THE FIRST FORM¹—On August 11, in the cathedral near the tomb of John Dalderby, the dean, chancellor, sub-dean and archdeacon of Stowe admitted *Dom.* Robert West, pbr., as senior vicar-choral, and he took the oaths, etc. And straightway they conferred on him, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry for the soul of William de Tornaco, founded in the chapel where the mass of the B.V.M. is celebrated, vacant by the dimission of Henry Bulloke, and he was canonically instituted therein, and took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On August 14, at parley after vespers in the choir, on the nomination of Master Christopher Massingberd in his course, William Pycrofte was admitted as a poor man

¹ The church of St. Laurence formerly stood near Grantham Street, the present theatre occupying part of its site. Its parish was united to St. Martin's in 1552, when its church was leased for secular purposes. The chantry had been founded and endowed by the Fitz-Martin family, *c.* 1297.

of St. Giles, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the rules of the hospital.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR-CHORAL OF THE SECOND FORM¹—At the same time, at the door of the vestry, William Halyday was admitted as junior vicar, viz. of the second form, present the sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd.

WILL OF THOMAS BLANCHERD OF GARNETHORPE ON THE 'OLDE-MYNSTER FEE'—In the name of God, Amen. The xvij day of June in the yere of our Lord God mccccxxvij, I Thomas Blanchard, of Garnthorp, beyng in hole mynde & of good memory, maketh my last Will and testament in [*Folio 67d.*] this forme followeng.—First, I give my soule to God omnipotente, our lady Saynt Mary, & to all the blessyd cumpany off hevyn, my body to be buryed wythin the gylde quere off our lady in the church of Saynt Clement off Garnthorpe aforesaid wyth that thyng that the lawe requiryth to be my mortuarye. Item, I gyve to the church warke off our Lady off Lincoln viij*d.* Item, I gyve to the hygh alter of the church off Saynt Clement off Garnthorpe afore-named for tythes & oblacyons forgotten iiij*d.* Item, I gyve to the gyltyng off the Rode lofte of the church of Saynt Clement aforesayde ijs. Item, I gyve to the sayd Rode lofte for the wytworde² off sir Richard Blauncherd, parson of Yarbor, ijs. Item, I gyve to the bellys in the sayd church viij*d.* Item, I will that Jenet my wyfe have my house wyth too croftes, & all the appurtenances therto belongyng wythin the towne & feldys off Garnethorpe unto that Jenet my doughter cum att lawfull age; And when my doughter is cum to lawfull age, I will that Jenet my wyfe have for the terme off hyr lyfe xiijs. iiij*d.* yerly, goyng forth off the house & the sayd too croftes att the termys ther beyng usuall, And after the decease of Jenet my wyff I will that the sayd house & the sayd too croftes wyth all ther appurtenances retorne agayn to Jenet my doughter & to hyr heires off hyr body lawfully begotten, And for defawte off heires off hyr body lawfully begotten, I wyll that the sayde house & the sayde too croftes wyth all ther appurtenaunces to be solde be my executors & my feoffys and to be disposyd in charitable dedys of Almys for the helth of my soule, my fader, my moder, & all Crystyn soulys. Also I gyve to Jenet my wyf & Jenet my doughter all the fermys that I have be Indenture for the terme of my yeres off Master Bukton lyeng in the lordeshype of Wargholme. The Residue of my goodys not wytt² I gyve & wyt² to Jenet my wyfe, & Walter Woode by the syght & credence off Master William Skypwyth, wich I do make my supervysor, that they may ordane for the welth off my soule as they thynke best, in tyme to come. Thyres wytnes, —syr John Pormard, my goostly fader; Thomas Gatton, yonger; William Hescham, & Alayn Palmer wyth many other. Item, I gyve to Master William Skipwyth, vjs. viij*d.*

¹ Bradshaw & Wordsworth state (*Cath. Statutes*, ii, 6) "At Lincoln the *forma secunda* was the row immediately below the *superior gradus* of the stalls, where canons alone or their vicars when their *domini* were absent, were admitted. Below the *forma secunda* was the *forma prima* where the boys were placed." But the usage throughout this volume of the Chapter Acts is the contrary to this, the senior vicars being described as of the first, and the junior of the second form. Other instances occur on folios 65, 73*d.*, 117, 148*d.* See also Maddison's *Vicars Choral*, p. 5.

² *Wytworde*, a legacy, from *Wytt*, to bequeth; see below in the same will.

The above will was proved before the dean and chapter in the cathedral on 15 August, 1527, and administration was committed to the executors above named, in form of law, by these presents, sealed with the common seal.

NOMINATION TO A WORKS CHANTRY—On 21 August, 1527, near the vestry of the cathedral, before the dean, chancellor, and archdeacon of Stowe, then and there assembled, appeared Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, and nominated to his brethren *Dom.* Thomas Scone for presentation to a chantry of the works, which Robert West last held, and belonging to his nomination in his course as junior master of the works, and he openly and publicly protested that in case Thomas Scone should not accept it, it was lawful for him to nominate another suitable chaplain. *Folio 68.*

RESIGNATION OF A FELLOWSHIP IN THE CANTILUPE CHANTRY—On August 23, in the choir, before the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, appeared *Dom.* Walter Irland, chaplain, one of the fellows (*sociorum*) of the chantry of Cantilupe in the cathedral, and voluntarily for certain just causes, as he asserted, resigned his fellowship in the said chantry into the hands of the dean and chapter as ordinaries, and verbally in deed and in word laid it down (*dimisit*): and then and there they admitted his resignation, and decreed his fellowship in the chantry vacant.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON FUND—At the same time, etc., the chapter (with the exception of the sub-dean and archdeacon of Stowe) unanimously elected the sub-dean and the archdeacon of Stowe as auditors of the account of the common for the present year.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHANTRY OF HENRY LEXINGTON—On 24 August, 1527, at the tomb or shrine of John de Dalderby, before the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, appeared personally *Dom.* John Cooke, cantarist as he asserted, of the chantry of Henry Lexington, sometime bishop of Lincoln, and read and handed in a written form of resignation thereof, as follows:—*In Dei nomine, Amen*: I, John Cooke, clk., cantarist of the chantry of Henry Lexington, formerly bishop of Lincoln, voluntarily, for certain causes moving my mind, have stripped and unburdened myself entirely of all charge of my chantry, and I resign it with all its rights and appurtenances into the hands of the dean and chapter, my patrons, and I renounce all right and title and possession in the same, and yield it up totally and really in these writings. This having been read in the presence of the dean and chapter, and of me, Peter Effard, clerk, they admitted the resignation, and decreed the chantry vacant.

Mem: That this fell in the precentor's course, but he deferred to nominate until the 12th October following.

INSTITUTION TO A FELLOWSHIP IN THE CANTILUPE CHANTRY—And forthwith they admitted John Cooke to the fellowship in the Cantilupe chantry, vacant by the resignation of Walter Irland, last chaplain, on the presentation of William Monke, warden of the said chantry, and instituted him canonically in the same on taking the oaths, as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ST. MARTIN—Master William Cleyburgh, doctor of either law, at the door of the vestry, on authority of letters from the bishop, was inducted into possession of the canonry and prebend of St. Martin in the city of Lincoln with all its rights, etc., in the person of John Raner, literate, lawfully constituted his proctor, on 29 August, 1527, in the presence of the sub-dean, chancellor and Massingberd, the rest of the residentiaries being absent from the city, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the laudable customs and statutes [*Folio 68d.*] of the cathedral, and especially of the Laudum of bishop William Alnewyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION TO ONE OF THE WORKS CHANTRIES—On 30 August, 1527, at the door of the vestry, before the dean, chancellor and archdeacon of Stowe then and there assembled, appeared in person Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, senior master of the works for this year, affirming that his former nomination to the said chantry had been of no effect, inasmuch as Thomas Scoone was unwilling to accept it. Wherefore the said sub-dean, as senior master, nominated to his brethren in his course Master Henry Cocks, bachelor of decrees, for the works chantry vacant by dimission of Robert West, and the chapter admitted and canonically instituted him in the same, on taking the usual oaths, etc.

LEASE OF A HOUSE IN NORTHGATE, WITH LANDS IN THE FIELDS OF LINCOLN, BELONGING TO THE CHANTRY OF ALEXANDER FITZMARTYN—On chapter-day, August 30, there met together Masters John Constable, dean, Nicholas Bradbryge, chancellor, Richard Parker, treasurer, John Talbot, sub-dean, Edward Darby, archdeacon of Stowe, and Christopher Massyngberd, canon residentiary (Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, also a residentiary, being then absent), and after treating among themselves about a certain indenture then and there exhibited and read by Master Peter Effard, notary public, of a certain house with its appurtenances in Northgate, made and granted by Robert Sawyer *als.* Torner, chaplain or cantarist of the chantry of Alexander Fitzmartyn, for a term of 21 years from the Feast of St. Philip and St. James next, they gave their consent to the said lease and to all the agreements contained in the said indenture, and ratified and confirmed the same with their own hands and seal.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THOMAS EGLESTON, OF LOUTH, INTESTATE—Mem: That on September 6, letters of administration were issued of the goods of Master Thomas Egleston, late vicar of the prebendal church of Louth, and official of the peculiar jurisdiction thereof, who died intestate, directed to Laurence Penyngton of Louthe and Bernerd Kelke, of the same, as follows:—John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, to Laurence Penyngton, of Louthe, and Bernerd Kelke of the same, Greeting, etc. Whereas Master Thomas Egleston, vicar of the prebendal church of Louth and official of the [*Folio 69*] peculiar jurisdiction thereof, having during his life and at the time of his death certain goods and dues (*debila*) in the said prebend under our jurisdiction, has lately died, as we have heard, intestate, on account of which the full disposal of all the goods of the deceased, and the committal of the administration of them, as well the auditing of the accounts thereof, and the final discharge and acquittance of them is

known to belong to us solely and entirely according to the custom of the church of Lincoln hitherto peaceably and without break used and observed, we, wishing, as is incumbent on us, that the goods and dues of the said deceased should be well and faithfully administered, and disposed of for pious uses and works of charity for the welfare of his soul, and in due form of law, and also that the dues which belonged to the said deceased at the time of his death should be levied, collected and required, as also for paying debts for which the deceased was bound at the time of his death, as far as his goods would extend and according to their rate, commit to you and to each of you, in whose fidelity we have full confidence, full power by these presents, being first sworn to the good and faithful administration of the same, and to make a full, clear and faithful inventory thereof to be exhibited to us before the feast of All Saints next, and to render a clear account thereof to us, or to whomsoever we shall order it to be done in this behalf. And we depute and appoint you as such administrators by these presents, sealed with our common seal. Dated at Lincoln, in our chapter-house, 6 September, 1527.

LEASE OF A HOUSE IN THE CLOSE, IN WHICH JOHN GILBERD LIVED—On chapter-day, September 7, in the chapter-house, present then and there in chapter the sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massyngberde, (the dean and other residentiaries being absent from the city,) indentures were read concerning the lease of a house in the Close, opposite the south porch of the cathedral, in which John Gylberde lately lived, made by James Tutyll, sacrist, to Master Henry Lytherland, keeper of the altar of St. Peter, for a term of twenty years from the feast of the Annunciation last past; and the chapter gave their consent and assent thereto, and subscribed the indentures with their own hands then and there.

CONFIRMATION OF AN INDENTURE OF THE RECTORY OF CHESTERFELD—On 12 September, 1527, there was confirmed by the dean and chapter an indenture of the rectory of Chesturfeld, leased by the said dean to Edward Beresford and his assigns for a term of 59 years, together with the site of the manor of Little Chester, and a fishery in Derwente, etc., as is contained in an indenture previously made to him on 9 February, 1520, which indenture agrees with this lease in all things except in the number of years, of which the said Edward now has 59, and in the first indenture had then 45, as appears by inspection of the same. *Folio 69d.*

NOMINATION TO THE CHANTRY OF MANTON—On September 13, in the cathedral after vespers, at the tomb of John Dalderby, of good memory, formerly bishop of Lincoln, present the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and archdeacon of Stowe, (Massyngberde being then in the choir at matins, and the precentor at Mere without the city), the treasurer asserted that he had in his course by seniority of residence the nomination to the chantry of Manton, vacant as he affirmed by the death of Master Thomas Sherpe, last incumbent thereof, which nomination, as in his course, he gave to the archdeacon of Stowe, giving him power in his name to nominate some fit person to the dean and chapter for the said chantry, which the said archdeacon accepted for this turn, and nominated openly and publicly Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, to be presented to the said chantry. And this nomination the chapter gratefully received

so that the chantry might be preserved in accordance with its foundation, and the dean then and there, in his own name and that of his brethren, decreed that Master Richard Parker should be presented to John bishop of Lincoln, for that chantry, and letters of presentation were issued under the common seal.

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SIXTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz., 16 September, 1527, to the Monday after the said Feast in the following year, the 6th year of the office of Master Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On the said Monday in the chapter-house, Masters John Constable, dean, Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, precentor, Nicholas Bradbryge, chancellor, Richard Parker, treasurer, John Talbot, sub-dean, Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, and Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary, were assembled chapter-wise, forming a chapter, at the usual hour, and account having been first rendered for the preceding year, they treated among themselves about the election of a provost and other officers for the following year, and they unanimously chose Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, as a man of sense and industry, to be provost for this year, both in his own course, and by way of election, and no one disagreeing they granted to him power and authority to take cognizance, action and procedure in all causes and matters of the jurisdiction of the chapter, as other provosts in times past have done, etc.

Afterwards they chose the treasurer as senior, and the precentor as junior, masters or supervisors of the works ; Master Christopher Massingberd as master or supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghershe ; the chancellor as master of the choristers ; and the sub-dean as master and supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF LOUTH—On 17 September, 1527, at the door of the vestry, on authority of the bishop's letters directed to the dean and chapter, Master George Thomson, s.t.b., was inducted in person into the vicarage of Louth, vacant by death of Master Thomas Egleston, late vicar, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and letters were written to the curate and all other presbyters under their jurisdiction to give him possession ; present, the dean, chancellor, [*Folio 70d.*] and sub-dean and Massingberd. The vicar was inhibited in force of his oath from intermeddling with the citation of wills made for Friday next.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—William Hallyday, vicar-choral, acolyte, was presented for the order of the sub-diaconate on 18 September, 1527, under the common seal, at the general ordination held at Lidington in the present month, the said William being previously examined by the chancellor and admitted according to the custom of the church.

TREATING CONCERNING THE CHANTRY OF MANTON—On St. Michael's day, 29 September, 1527, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd, treating concerning the presentation to the chantry of Manton made to the treasurer who, as was asserted, promised to accept it with the burden of residence according to the rule of its foundation, for which reason the dean, in his own name and that of his brethren, declared to the treasurer that in contradiction to his own promise he had procured a dispensation of absence from the said chantry contrary to good faith (*contra bonos mores*) and the foundation thereof, and also contrary to the wish of its patrons who desired its foundation to be inviolably observed according to ancient and laudable custom. The treasurer answered that he had promised this, and that he had not procured nor asked for any dispensation contrary to his promise, nor intended to ask for such, and he referred to the same which he offered to exhibit to the dean and chapter at a suitable time and place (*et hoc refert se ad eandem quam obtulit exhibere eisdem decano et capitulo pro loco et tempore congruis et opportunis*).¹

DECREE OF THE CHAPTER AS TO THE NOMINATION TO THIS CHANTRY—On 12 October, 1527, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberde, after treating for some while concerning the chantry of Maunton, with the unanimous consent and assent of the chapter it was decreed that the said chantry of Maunton hereafter, whenever it should fall vacant, should not be conferred or presented in course, but in common; and if any canon residentiary shall wish to accept it, and *de facto* do accept it, that he shall have it by seniority according to the ancient custom of the church, provided that the said canon so accepting it shall *ipso facto* lose his residence with all its rights, etc., in the church of Lincoln. (*Annulled, as appears afterwards.*)

CONFIRMATION OF APPROPRIATION OF THE CHURCH OF NORTH STOKE—At the same time, etc., was confirmed the appropriation of the parish church of North Stoke, co. Oxon, made by authority of the bishop to the master, fellows and scholars of the college of St. John the Evangelist in the university of Cambridge, an annual pension of 8s. being reserved by way of indemnity to the chapter, to be paid at Lincoln on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel for ever.

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COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF HENRY LEXINGTON—At the same time, etc., they admitted *Dom.* William Hardall, pbr., to the chantry of Henry Lexington, formerly bishop of Lincoln, founded in the chapel of St. John the Evangelist in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of John Cooke, on the nomination of the precentor in his course, and canonically instituted him then and there on taking the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book, and thereupon he had letters testimonial.

ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS—On 27 October, in the choir at parley after vespers, Edmund Jakson was admitted to the number of choristers,

¹ The meaning of this is not very clear, but bishop Longland's Register shows that Richard Parker, the treasurer, retained the chantry of Manton till his death, when on March 1, 1533-4, John Gurle, M.A., was collated to it by the bishop by reason of the grant made to him by the dean and chapter, 9 April, 1528. (Longland's *Inst.*, fol. 118d., 135d.)

on the presentation of the precentor, in the presence of the dean, precentor, and Massingberd.

And on December 1, Edward Johnson was similarly admitted, in the presence of the dean, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massingberd.

ADMISSION OF A DOOR-KEEPER OF THE CLOSE—On chapter-day, 7 December, 1527, in the chapter-house, Thomas Beadale was admitted to the office of Janitor of the Close, vacant by death of John Barons, and he swore obedience and fidelity to the dean and chapter, and to the faithful exercise of his office, in the presence of the same.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On December 17, Roger Clyfe, vicar-choral, was presented for the order of the diaconate, and William Shawe, vicar-choral, for the sub-diaconate, in the present month of December, examination being first held by the chancellor according to the custom of the church, and thereupon they had letters of presentation under the common seal.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On January 4, at parley after vespers, John Eston was admitted as poor clerk, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes in the presence of the same.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF JOHN BARONS—On 12 January, 1527, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present the dean, treasurer and archdeacon of Stowe, administration of the [*Folio 71d.*] goods of John Barons, late janitor of the Close, who died intestate, was committed to his relict and to Thomas George, of the Bail of Lincoln, taylor, who were sworn to present an inventory before the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle next following.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF THOMAS GRENE—On chapter-day, January 23, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe and Massingberd, administration of the goods of Thomas Grene, late of the Close of Lincoln, who died intestate, was committed to Robert Hudylston, of Gerwyk, parish of Hekynton, diocese of Lincoln, to John Pygot of Kyme, and Joan Thomson of the same who compounded for the fine, etc.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—At the same time, etc. William Burton was admitted into the number of choristers, on the presentation of the precentor.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE IN THE CLOSE—On February 25, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Richard Kelsay, pbr., on the nomination of Master Nicholas Bradbryge, the chancellor, in his course, was collated to the parish church of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, vacant by resignation of Walter Irland, last rector, and admitted as rector on condition of paying yearly to the said Walter Irland for the term of his life an annual pension of forty shillings by equal portions at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, of St. Michael the Archangel, the Nativity of our Lord, and the Annunciation, out of the fruits and profits of the said church, as assigned by authority of the ordinary, and was canonically instituted therein; and they wrote to the provost of the cathedral to induct him according to custom.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On chapter-day, the last of February, in the chapter-house, Richard Ruston and Robert More, poor clerks, and acolytes, were presented for the sub-diaconate, after examination held by the chancellor, and thereupon had letters of presentation under the common seal.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF GEORGE WAUKERLEY—On 14 March, 1527, before Master Edward Darby, provost, was proved the will of George Waukerley, late of Haynton, and administration was committed to the executors named therein, who were sworn and compounded for a fine, etc.

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INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LANGFORD ECCLESIA—Master Richard Sampson,¹ doctor of either law, on whom John bishop of Lincoln, *intuitu caritalis*, had graciously conferred the canonry and prebend of Langford Ecclesia, as by his letters more fully appears, on 5 March, 1527, on the strength of these letters, was installed in the chapter-house, and inducted therein in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, as his proctor who took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, etc., in the presence of the dean, chancellor, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massyngberd.

GRANT OF THE OFFICES OF SENESCHAL OF LE GALILEE, AND CORONER WITHIN THE LIBERTIES OF THE CHAPTER—On 7 March, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, archdeacon of Stowe, and Massyngberd, assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house at the usual hour, and forming a chapter, unanimously granted the below-written offices to one Richard Hunston, as follows:—To all, etc., John Constable, doctor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of the cathedral of St. Mary of Lincoln, Greeting, etc. Know ye that we with the unanimous consent and assent of the chapter have given and granted, and by this present writing have confirmed to Richard Hunston for his good service rendered and hereafter to be rendered to us the office of Seneschal of our court Galilee, commonly called Le Galilee Courte,² within the close of Lincoln, as well as the office of Seneschal or clerk of our temporal courts to be held by our authority in all our demesnes, towns, liberties, and granges (the courts of our manor of Naneby only excepted). And by these presents we ordain, depute and constitute the said Richard Hunston Seneschal of Le Galilee Courte, and Seneschal or clerk of our aforesaid courts,

¹ Richard Sampson, D.C.L., was chaplain to Wolsey and employed by him at Tournai and other places abroad, and afterwards was chaplain to the king, for whom he acted in the matter of his divorce from Queen Katherine, and in his case against Ann Boleyn. At this time he was dean of the Chapels Royal and of Windsor and prebendary of St. Paul's. He became dean of Lichfield in 1533. He vacated his prebend of Langford Ecclesia on his consecration as bishop of Chichester, 11 June, 1536. In February, 1542-3, he was translated to the bishopric of Coventry and Lichfield, and died in 1554.

² Bradshaw & Wordsworth (*Cath. Statutes*, iii, 563-4) see no reason to doubt that the '*curia vocata le Galilee*', was held in the part of the cathedral known as the Galilee Porch. There remain, they say, in the chapter muniment-room only a few comparatively modern documents bearing upon the history of this court, such as accounts for the year 1501, and appointment of a constable, 14 June, 1551, and 12 October, 1670, and the patent from the dean and chapter appointing John Fardell coroner and steward of the Galilee Court and the temporal courts of Navenby, Aunsby, Glenthams, Friesthorpe, Normanby and Greetwell, and of Paxton (Hunts.) 16 September, 1793. They print also the English oath of the steward of the Galilee Court from a manuscript of the 15th century.

as well as coroner within the liberties of the chapter. To have exercise and fill the said offices by himself or his sufficient deputy for the term of his life, and to do and execute all matters relating to these offices within the liberties aforesaid according to the laws and approved customs of this renowned (*incliti*) realm of England, receiving for the office of Seneschal of the Galilee Court 13s. 4d. and a robe or livery of the second cloth (*panno*), and for the office of Seneschal or clerk of our temporal courts 13s. 4d. yearly at the feasts of the Nativity of St. John Baptist and the Nativity of our Lord to be paid by equal portions by the clerk of our common for the time being, together with all and singular the fees appertaining to the said offices. In witness whereof our common seal is hereto appended. Dated 7 March, 1527.

Folio 72d.

WILL OF JENET HAREBY, OF HAMERYNGHAM, WIDOW—In the name of God, Amen. The xiiijth day off January, the yere of our Lorde God, A thowsand fyve hundreth and xxvijth I Jenet Hareby of Hameryngham, of good and hole mynd and perfyte remembraunce, orden and make my testament and last will in thys maner and forme that folowyth : Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God, our Lady Saynt Mary, and to all the blessyd and holy Saynts in heven, and my body to be buryd in the church yerde of All Saynts of Hameryngham aforesayd, and that thyng that the law requiryth to be my mortuary accordyng to the custome ther. Also I bequeth to our Lady Warke of Lincoln viij^d. Also I bequeth to the hygh alter in the church of Hameryngham for tithes forgotten xiij^d. Also I bequeth to the same church warke ther xs. to be prayd for. Also I bequeth to sir Nicholas Ketloke vs. for halff a trentall of messes to be celebrat for my soule and all crysten soulys. Also I will that Alice Kyme my doughter have aftyr my decease my house in Hameryngham callyd Madenwell house wyth all the appurtenances therto belonging to hyr and to hyr heyres of hyr body lawfully begotten for ever. Also I will that the sayd Alice shall have aftyr my decease on Rygge of arable land lying wythin the felde of Mynngesby to hyr and her heyres of hyr body lawfully begotten for ever. Off thys present testament and last will I constitute and make Richerd Kyme of Hameryngham my true and lefull executor to pay my dettes and execute thys my testament and last will as hys charge shall require. And the Reste of all my goods not bequethed I gyff them to the sayd Richerd Kyme, he to dispose them for the helth of my soule and all crysten soulys, as he shall thynke best. Thies beying Wyttnesses, sir Nicholas Ketlok, pryst ther, William Pape, William Shamonde, John Gray and Robert Goye off the same, wythe other mo . .

On 12 March, 1527, the above-written will was proved in the cathedral before Master Edward Darby, provost of the church, and administration committed to the above-named executor in form of law.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On 21 March, 1527, Richard Ruston and Robert More, sub-deacons, poor clerks, were presented to receive the order of the diaconate in the present month of March, after examination by the chancellor according to the custom of the church, and thereupon they had letters of presentation under the common seal.

INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES IN ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH, CALLED DALDERBY CHANTRY—On 4 April, 1528, in the choir, at parley after vespers, *Dom.* Thomas Ingram, pbr., was admitted to a chantry in

the church of St. Benedict in the city of Lincoln, commonly called Dalderby chauntry, vacant by death of John Elliot, last chaplain, on the presentation of Vincent [*Folio 73*] Grantham, esq., mayor, and the commonalty of the city of Lincoln, and was canonically instituted in the same and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the rules of the foundation, in the presence of the dean, precentor, treasurer, and Massyngberd.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On the Thursday *in cena Domini* 9 April, 1528, in the chapter-house, Thomas Stapulton, vicar-choral, was admitted to receive the order of the presbyterate on the Holy Saturday of Easter, John Grene, vicar-choral, the order of the diaconate, and Richard Ruston and Thomas More, poor clerks, the presbyterate, and being examined according to custom by the chancellor they had letters of presentation under the common seal.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WALTER STAURETH, &c.—At the same time, etc., present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Massyngberd, *Dom.* Henry Hopwood, vicar-choral, was admitted to the chantry of Walter Staureth and Anthony Goldesburgh in the cathedral, vacant by dimission of Robert Dove, last incumbent, and he took the oaths, etc.

COLLATION TO THE HOSPITAL OF ST. GILES—At the same time, etc., they admitted *Dom.* George Beausire, vicar-choral, to the hospital of St. Giles without Lincoln, vacant by dimission of Henry Hopwood, etc.

GRANT OF THE PATRONAGE OF THE CHANTRY OF MANTON—At the same time, etc., they granted to John bishop of Lincoln and his assigns, the advowson or right of patronage of the mastership or wardenship of the college or chantry of Manton, diocese of Lincoln, for one and the next turn, so that it should be lawful for the said bishop and his assigns to nominate, collate, and institute to the same at the first and next vacancy only, whensoever and howsoever that may occur, without objection or opposition from themselves or their successors.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On April 8, at parley after vespers, in the choir, William Skaman, 18 years of age, was admitted into the number of poor clerks, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Massyngberd, and took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and laudable customs of the church and the house of poor clerks to the utmost of his power.

Folio 73d.

ADMISSION OF A JUNIOR VICAR—On 19 April, 1528, at the same time, etc., Hugh Salmon was admitted to the number of vicars of the second form, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—At the same time, etc., Robert Helyard, [*blank*] years of age, was admitted as poor clerk and took the oaths, etc.

COMMISSION TO COLLECT PENTECOSTALS, &c., IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LEICESTER—On April 25, the chapter commissioned Robert Pachet, LL.B., commissary and official of the archdeaconry of Leicester, to collect and receive, in their name and that of the cathedral, the

pentecostals, or Lincoln Ferthyngs, commonly so called, as well as legacies in wills towards the fabric of the church throughout the archdeaconry of Leicester, and to render account thereof from time to time, and to answer for the several sums of money when so required.

INSTITUTION TO A CHANTRY "DE LE IRONS"—On 9 May, 1528, at parley in the choir after vespers, *Dom.* William Moyses was admitted to a chantry "de le Irons" by the steps of the high altar, vacant by resignation of John Alanson, last cantarist, on the presentation of king Henry VIII, in right of the duchy of Lancaster, and he took the oaths, etc., power being reserved to the chapter to assign a pension to the resigner; present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd.

COLLATION TO A WORKS CHANTRY—On May 11 *Dom.* John Garmyll was admitted to a Works chantry, vacant by resignation of William Moyses, last cantarist, on the nomination of Master Richard Parker, treasurer, in his course, as senior master of the works, and he took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BEDFORD MINOR—On 27 May, 1528, in the chapter-house, Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, S.P.P., precentor, in virtue of mandatory letters from John, [*Folio 74*¹] bishop of Lincoln, was personally inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Bedford Minor, vacant by resignation of Master Thomas Canner, and the stall in the choir and the place in chapter belonging of old to the said canonry and prebend were assigned to him, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and observance of the *Laudum* and arbitration of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BIKELLESWADE—At the same time, etc., in virtue of the like letters, Master George Hennage, archdeacon of Oxford, was inducted in the canonry and prebend of Bikelleswade, vacant by resignation of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, in the person Master Christopher Massingberd, his proctor, and had a stall assigned and took the oaths, etc.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On chapter-day, May 30, Thomas Achyrche, poor clerk, acolyte, was presented to receive the order of sub-deacon on the Saturday in Ember-week, being June 6, after examination held by the chancellor according to the custom of the church and thereupon he had letters of presentation under the common seal.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LINCOLN—On 22 June, 1528, in the chapter-house, on the authority of mandatory letters from John bishop of Lincoln, directed to the dean and chapter, Master Richard Pate² was installed and inducted into the archdeaconry of Lincoln, vacant

¹ At the top of this page in the margin 'Robt. Beniworth' is written.

² Richard Pate, or Patys as he has been hitherto called, was nephew, sister's son, to bp. Longland. He had already held the prebends of C. Solidorum, 1523; Cropredy, 1525; and S. Crucis, 1527. He had a house in the Close assigned to him as archdeacon of Lincoln on August 22. In 1535-7 he was employed by Henry VIII on diplomatic missions to Charles V in Germany, at Rome, and in the Netherlands. But in 1542 he was attainted for high treason and lost his archdeaconry of Lincoln, owing to his acceptance of the bishopric of Worcester from the pope. He remained a refugee on the continent, taking part in the Council of Trent, until March, 1555, when the temporalities of the see of Worcester were restored to him by queen Mary. He was deprived again by Elizabeth in 1559, and died at Louvain in 1565.

by death of Master William Smyth, in the person of Master Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum of bishop William Alnwyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book. The letter of proctorship (*procuratorium*) thus begins: *Pateat universis per presentes*, that I, Richard Pate, etc., on 29 May, 1526, under seal of Master Edward Carne, LL.D. official of the archdeaconry of Berks; and is a general proctorship to receive any ecclesiastical benefice in most ample form. Present, the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Massingberd.

Folio 74d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SUTTON REGIS CUM BUCKS—At the same time, etc., the said Master Richard Pate, on authority of like letters exhibited by Master Christopher Massingberd, as his proctor, was installed and inducted in the canonry and prebend of Sutton cum Buckyngham, vacant by death of William Smyth: and letters were written to all rectors, vicars, chaplains, curates, etc., under their jurisdiction to induct him or his proctor in his name into corporal possession thereof.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF S. CRUCIS—On chapter-day, July 11, before the dean, chancellor, sub-dean and Massingberd, assembled chapter-wise, etc., at the accustomed hour, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master John London, LL.D., was installed and inducted into the canonry and prebend of Sancte Crucis, vacant by resignation of Master Richard Pate, in the person of Master John Talbot, sub-dean, as his proctor, who took the oaths etc., as above.

LEASE OF THE CHAPEL OF STOKE MANDEVYLL—At the same time, etc., an indenture was granted to Robert Brudnell, serjeant at law, of the chapel of Stoke Mandevyll, with the demesne lands thereto belonging for a term of 20 years next following, dated June 10, present the dean, chancellor, sub-dean and Massingberd, who subscribed the said indenture.

WILL OF WILL. SMYTH, LATE ARCHDEACON OF LINCOLN¹—At the same time was proved the will of Master William Smyth, [*Folio 75*] late archdeacon of Lincoln and prebendary of Sutton cum Buckyngham, and administration was committed to Masters Mathew Smyth and Edward Watson, in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, their proctor lawfully constituted, and to Henry Sapcotes, the executors named therein, who were sworn in form of law. The tenor of the will is as follows:

In the name of God, Amen. The xvth day of June, in the yere of our Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundreth xxviiith, I Will'm Smyth, Archdiacon of Lincoln and prebendary of Buckyngham, off perfecte mynde and remembrance make my testament and last Will in thys forme foloyng—Firste, I bequeth my soule to God Almyghty, hys blessyd mother our Lady Saynt Mary, and all the holy compeny of heven, my body to be buried

¹ William Smith, the namesake and probably the nephew of bishop William Smith, by whom he had been presented to the archdeaconry of Northampton in 1499, and to that of Lincoln in 1506, holding with each successively the prebends of Louth, Ketton, Biggleswade, and Sutton cum Bucks. His cousin, Dr. Matthew Smith, also held the prebends of Centum Solidorum, Biggleswade, and Banbury in turn from 1508 to 1548. Another of the name, Gilbert Smith, succeeded him in the archdeaconry of Northampton in 1506.

in the chauncell of the parysh churche of Bucks. Item, I bequeth to the Cathedrall church of Lincoln on Cope, price *xxli.*¹ Item, I bequeth *vjli.* for oon obit to be done for me in the sayd Cathedrall church shortly aftyr my buryall. Item, I bequeth to the College of Brazen-nose at Oxford my ij best Sylver pottes, willing my Cosyn Master Doctor Mathew Smyth shall have the use of the sayd pottes duryng hys lyff. To the wich Master Doctor Mathew I bequeth my best Sylver bason and Ewer. Item, I bequeth to my Cosyn Isabell Smyth, prioresse of the Nunrye att Grenefelde my second best Sylver bason and Ewer to hyr own use. Item, to my Cosyn Dampe Agnes Kettell, Nune of the same place *iiijli.* And to every Nune of Grenefelde byforesayd *vjs. viijd.* Item, I bequeth to my lady Clemence, Abbas of the monastery of Delapray my lytle Sylver bason and ewre, on gylte cuppe with hys cover, and my iij Cushyns beyng in the vicarage at Barton. Item, to my nece Dampe Grace, Nune of the same monastery, *iiijli. xs.*, and iij Sylver Sponys. Item, to my Cosyns, Dampe Emme Smyth and Dampe Anne Smyth, Nunys of the sayd monastery, to every of them *xls.* and iij Sylver Sponys. Item, to every Nune of the sayd monastery *xs.* Item, I bequeth to the commyns of the Observaunts at Newarke *xs.* Item, to the commyns of every place of Frerys at Lincoln *xs.* Item, to Master Henry Sapcotes all my beddyng hangyngs and Stufe beyng at Lincoln, And to my Nece hys wyff my best gylte cuppe with hys cover. Item, to Master Edward Watson my bed of downe and also my bed wich now I ly in with all hys appurtenances, And to my Nece hys wyff my hoope ring of gold. Item, to every of my brother Robert Smyth hys chylder borne of Sibell hys wyff iij kye. Item, I bequeth to my sayd Brother Robert Smyth *xxli.* ; And I will the sayd *xxli.* shalbe in the keypyng of the principall and felows of Brasen Nose byforesayd, and my sayd Brother to receive therof yearly *xls.*, towards hys fyndyng so long as it will so indure. And yff my sayd brother dye before all the sayd *xxli.* be so receyvyd, Then I will the Residue therof shall be equally devydyd among hys sayd chyldren then [*Folio 75d.*] beyng alyve ; And in case my sayd Brother do make enny tronble or busyness agaynst thys my testament and laste will, or agaynst my executors concerning the same, or yff he in any wyse do alienat hys sayd legacy contrary to the effecte of thys my last Will, then I will thys sayd legacy shall stande voyde from hym and to be disposyd be my executors among the residue of my goods. Item, I bequeth to Bawdwyn Smyth *iiijli.* to make hym prentice with [*blank*] Biston, habberdasher in London. Item, to Sir John Bennet my Steward all my Stufe in Barton, excepte iij Cushyns here before bequethyd, my Rydyng velvet bagge with a sylke gyrdyll, and all my bookes at Lincoln and at Bucks. wylling hym to gyve parte of them at hys own discrecion and arbitrament to Sir Robert Jay my chaplande, the wich sir Robert Jay I will do serve for my soule iij yeres immediatly aftyr my deth, the fyrst yere at Buckyngham, and the other ij yeres at Oxford and at Buckyngham aftyr the discrecion of my executors, receiying yerly of my executors *vjli. xiijs. iiijd.* for hys stipend duryng the sayd iij yeres. Item, I bequeth to M^r Doctor Pryn, my officiall at Lincoln my lytle gylte cuppe with hys cover, called my littyll

¹ The Cope bequeathed to the cathedral by Archdeacon William Smith is described in the Inventory of 1536 as "a cope of green cloth of gold, with a goodly orphrey, having in the morse a vernacle and written in the hood, *Ex dono magistri Willelmi Smith, archid. Lincoln.*" It was still in possession of the cathedral in 1557: 4, 5 Phil. and Mary. Dugdale, *Monast.* VIII, 1284, 1291.

bell. Item, to Richard Cowper my godson, *iiijl. vjs. viijd.* Item, to Rurnwald Tailor my godson, *iiijl. vjs. viijd.* And to every other of my godchylder wythin the parysh of Bucks. *xijd.* Item, to my lorde Bishop of Saynt Asse my cremyson velvet pursse. Item, to sir Steven, freer and chapleyn to my lady of Delapray, *xxs.* Item, to the Ancresse at Bucks. *xs.* Item, I bequeth towarde the bying off a pare of organnes for the church of Bucks. *iiijl.*, wich I promysyd the paryshoners ther toward the same. Item, to xiiij pore men of Bucks xiiij gownys of blak cotton. Item, to xiiij pore women of Buckyngham xiiij cotes of whyte cotton. Item, to every preste of Buckyngham beyng at the obsequies of my buryall *xxd.*; And to every strange preste ther so beyng *viijd.* Item, to Gilbert Richerdson, *xls.* Item, I bequeth to my servants as aftyr immediatly foloyth: To Robert Say, *lijs. iiijd.*; To Richerd Curwyn, *lijs. iiijd.*; To Richerd Smyth, *xls.*; To John Buckley, *xls.*; To John Large, *xls.*; To Gilbert Walton, *xls.*; To Randall Lemyng, *xxxij. iiijd.*; to William Woodward, *xxs.*; to Hugh Milner, *xvjs. viijd.*; to Richerd Upton, *xvjs. viijd.*; to William Cowper, *xvjs. viijd.*; to Thomas Bakster, *xij. iiijd.*; to William Taylor, *xij. iiijd.*; to John Craneforth, *xs.*; to John Aston, *xs.*; to Nicholas Dawkyns, *xij. iiijd.*; to Richerd Blee, *xs. vjd.*; to Agnes Mayne, *vjs. viijd.*; to John Scholer, *vjs. vjd.*; to Edward Gay, *xls.*; to Thomas Cassewell, *xs.*; to Robert Berd, *xxs.* Item, I will that all my servants wyth thys bequestes stande contentyd of and for ther wages for ther quarter, in wich it shall [*Folio 76*] happen me to decease. And I will that every of my sayd servants shall have a lyvery of blak cloth at the provision and discrecion of my executors. Item, I bequeth to Robert Adams *xls.* wich Thomas Stable of Lidynghon owyth to me, if the sayd Adams can recover it of the sayd Thomas and no other wyse. Item, I bequeth to bye a pare of organnes for Jesus alter in the Cathedrall church of Lincoln *vijl.*, to be taken of my lands in the marshe cuntrey in Lincolnschyre. Moreover I will a certen ordinance to be mayd by my sayd Cosyn, Master Doctor Mathew Smyth, and hys counsell of the sayd lands for performans of the last will of my lorde Byshope Smyth according to Articles as I have devysed and delyveryd to my sayd Cosyn, subscribyd wyth my hande. And whereas I have infeoffed Simon Starkye and John Hawerden, clerks, by my dede Sealed with my Seall, of and in all my lands and tenements in Wynthorpe, Borowe, Sutton, and Skegnes, and all other my lands and rents in the countie of Lincoln, I will them the sayd Simon Starkye and John Hawerden stand and be infeoffed and seassyd therof to the only use of the pryncipall and felows of the College of Brasen Nose byforesayd, and of that College for ever, so that the principall and felows of the sayd college for the tyme beyng do yerly content and paye to and for my lord bishop Smyth his chauntrie and obbit in Lincoln church, *xiiijl. vjs. viijd.* continually for ever Accordyng to my sayd lorde Smyth hys last will and mynde, And the sayd ordinance therupon to be made. Item, I will that sir Rayf Balgowe shall have the sayd chauntrie duryng hys lyff. And in case my goods will not suffice to bere all maner charges concernyng thys my testament and last will then I will thys legacies here before specified be indifferently moderate by the discrecion of my executors. The Resydue of my goods herebefore not gyven willed nor bequethyd I put to the disposicion of the forsayd Master Doctor Mathew Smyth, Master Edward Watson, and Master Henry Sapcotes, whome I make executors of thys my testament

and last will, wyllyng them to dispose of the sayd Resydue for the helth of my Soule, the soule of my sayd lord Smyth, and all Cristen soulys, and in releivyng my kynnes folkes as they shall thynke most expedient in that behalfe. Then beyng wytnes, sir William Margenson, sir John Bennet, sir Robert Jay, sir George Hayworth, vicar of Buckyngham, and sir Hugh Steille, and sir Ralf Balgowe, Ric. Curwyn, with other mooy.

PROBATE OF THE ABOVE WILL—By the presents be it known to all that we, John Constable, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, approve and allow, etc., the will of our brother Master William Smyth, doctor of decrees, late archdeacon of Lincoln and prebendary [*Folio 76d.*] of Sutton Regis cum Buckyngham, exhibited and proved before us on 11 July, 1528, and we commit the administration of all his goods within our jurisdiction to Masters Mathew Smyth, Edward Watson and Henry Sapcotes, the executors named therein, in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, lawfully constituted proctor of the said Mathew Smyth and Edward Watson, and in the presence of Henry Sapcotes who appeared in person and accepted administration in form of law. And because we have the greatest confidence in the fidelity of the said executors, we have discharged, and by these presents do discharge them from any further rendering of account. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF BISHOP WILLIAM SMYTH—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Ralph Balgowe, pbr., was admitted to the chantry for the soul of William Smyth, formerly bishop of Lincoln, at the altar of St. Sebastian in the cathedral, now immediately to be founded by the executors according to the will and intention of the said Master William Smyth, deceased, to wear a habit in choir as the other cantarists. And he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the rules of the chantry when it shall have been founded.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD LACY, &c.—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Thomas Stapulton, vicar-choral, was admitted to the chantry for the souls of Richard Lacy, Robert Rowell, and Hervey de Luda, vacant by dimission of George Beausire, and canonically instituted, etc., an annual pension of xxvjs. viij*d.* being reserved to Richard Smyth, late chaplain, for the term of his life, and he took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS—At the same time, etc., Hugh Smyth and Nicholas Burton were admitted to the number of choristers, on the presentation of the precentor according to custom.

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PRESENTATION TO VICARAGE OF PAXTON—Mem: That on 12 July, 1528, Master Henry Cockes, bachelor of decrees, on the nomination of John Talbot, sub-dean as in his course, was presented to the bishop or his vicar-general, for the vicarage of Paxton, vacant by death of Master John Dawson, and letters of presentation were issued in the usual form.

DEATH OF THE DEAN—Mem: That on 14 July, 1528, Master John Constable, dean of this cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, died (*diem clausit extremum*) as it pleased the Most High in the rectory of Fyskerton

about midnight of that day. And the day following, viz., 16 July at dawn the sub-dean and chapter by their missive letters, conceived in the vulgar tongue, gave intimation to John, bishop of Lincoln, of the dean's death. Moreover on 17 July in the nave of the cathedral, near the baptismal font, his body was honorably committed to burial, the precentor performing the office.¹

And straightway after the dean's death the sub-dean and chapter decreed the deanery to be vacant, and also after various discussions that the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby, should be visited during the time of vacancy, and moreover letters of monition were issued, the whole tenor of which is contained in the certificate of this visitation by Master Henry Litherland, the commissary deputed for this purpose, hereafter exhibited.

SEQUESTRATION OF THE FRUITS OF THE DEANERY—Then also the said sub-dean and chapter committed to Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, and auditor of causes in the church of Lincoln, in their place (*vices suas*) to visit the said collegiate church, and to exercise all manner of jurisdiction during the vacancy of the deanery, and the custody of the fruits and proceeds thereof under their sequestration [*Folio 77d.*] of the same, under the common seal in the following terms: The sub-dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Lincoln, to Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, keeper of the altar of St. Peter in the said cathedral, and auditor of causes and of our business therein, and specially deputed for the within-named purpose—Greeting. Whereas lately, as we have heard, the deanery of the said church is vacant by the death of Master John Constable, doctor of decrees, late dean, deceased, by reason of which (*cuius pretextu*) not only the burden and jurisdiction of all kinds, but all and singular the fruits, rents, proceeds and all other emoluments whatever pertaining to the said deanery in the time of its vacation, are acknowledged to belong and do belong to us, as well by the statutes as by the laudable customs of our church. We, therefore, duly and lawfully proceeding in view (*occasione*) of the premisses, as incumbent on our office, have decreed sequestrated, and have sequestrated, and by these presents do sequesterate, all such fruits and emoluments whatsoever belonging to the said deanery. To you therefore consequently (*harum serie*) we commit and command that you should cause all such to be sequestrated, and to be kept in safe and strict custody until you receive other mandate from us. Further also to visit the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby, its prebendaries and vicars, clerks and all other brethren and dependents, as well as to correct canonically, punish and reform the clergy and people of the said church, and to do, exercise and expedite all other matters which in the premisses, or in connection with them are necessary or opportune, to you, in whose fidelity and circumspection and industry we have the utmost confidence, we commit by these presents our place (*vices nostras*) with full power of canonical correction. And whatsoever you shall have done in the premisses you shall certify before us distinctly and aptly before the next Feast of All Saints. Dated in our chapter-house, 15 July, 1528.

¹ Sanderson has preserved for us the inscription on dean Constable's tomb which has now been lost: "Upon a marble, on a verge of braso:—Orate pro anima magistri Johannis Constable (filii Roberti Constable de Flaynburgh, militis), decretorum doctoris, hujus ecclesie decani et residentiarii in eadem; qui obiit xv^o die mensis Julii, A.D. mccccxxvij^o. Cujus anime, &c."

LETTER OF ATTORNEY FOR THE VACANCY OF THE DEANERY—Afterwards they appointed and constituted the said Master Henry Litherland their true and lawful attorney, as follows: Know all by these presents, that we, the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln cathedral, in the vacancy of the deanery, have made, ordained, and put and appointed in our place Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, keeper of the Altar of St. Peter in our cathedral, our true and lawful attorney to demand, levy, recover and receive for us and in our name all and singular the fruits, rents, proceeds, emoluments and services whatsoever due and customary to us by reason of the vacancy of the deanery in and from the manors of Litol Chestre, Eyton, and Quarendon with their appurtenances, giving and by these presents granting to our aforesaid attorney full power and sufficient authority to act, prosecute, and expedite all matters touching the present business, and to make distrains in the said manors, when opportune, and to retain such distrains in his own hands or elsewhere until full satisfaction be made for the said rents, etc. Also to appoint and depute seneschals, [*Folio 78*] bailiffs, and other collectors, officials, and ministers in our name for the collection of the fruits, etc., due to us, as premised, in the time of the said vacancy. Ratifying and confirming by these presents whatsoever our said attorney or his deputies shall have done in the premises, or in any of them. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 15 July, 1528, 20 Henry VIII.

LETTER TO INTIMATE THE SAID SEQUESTRATION—Lastly, to alleviate the labours of the said Master Henry Litherland the chapter addressed a certain intimation of their sequestration of the fruits and proceeds of the deanery during its vacancy, as follows: The sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the deanery being vacant, to John Scheriff, our messenger, and to all other our officers and ministers whomsoever, Greeting. Whereas the deanery of the cathedral church of Lincoln is at present vacant through the death of Master John Constable, late dean, on account of which all the fruits, rents, etc., of the said deanery, as well by the statutes as by the laudable custom of the said church, are acknowledged to belong to us. We therefore proceeding according to law and custom, have sequestrated, as by the tenor of these presents we do sequesterate, the fruits, rents, etc., belonging to the parish churches of Ashburne, Workesworth, Chesterfelde, Mansfelde, and South Leverton, appropriated to the said deanery, during its vacancy, and to you jointly and severally we commit and strictly enjoin that you declare and intimate this our sequestration thus lawfully interposed to Richard Leche, farmer of Ashburne and Workesworth, to Edward Beresford, farmer of Chesterfelde, to Roger Grynghogh, farmer of Mansfelde, and to Alexander Nevell, farmer of South Leverton, and to any others their ministers or deputies, enjoining them by authority of the chapter that they duly render to us or to our ministers the fruits, rents and emoluments belonging to the said churches, and make full and entire satisfaction for them under penalty of law. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal hereto. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 15 July, 1528.

CONCERNING THE EXECUTORS OF MR. JOHN CONSTABLE, LATE DEAN—Mem: That on chapter-day, July 18, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, treasurer, and Massingberd, assembled chapter-

wise, appeared Marmaduke Constable, knt., John Monson, esq., and Thomas Lililow, bachelor of decrees, executors, as they asserted, of the testament and last will of Master John Constable, late dean, deceased, and explained that they had been cited not only first on authority of the chapter by Thomas Bedall their messenger, but also and lastly on authority of my lords the cardinal and legate *a latere*, and the archbishop of Canterbury by reason of their prerogative. And after such communication the chapter at their petition granted them licence to appraise and remove the goods of the said deceased, and to keep them in safe custody until it should be decided by law in what manner the deceased's testament should be proved.

Folio 78d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CASTRE—Mem : That on 18 July, 1528, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, chancellor, and Massingberd, then and there assembled chapter-wise in their canonical habits, Master Roger Lupton, S.T.P., on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, was installed in the usual form in the canonry and prebend of Castre, vacant by death of Master John Constable, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the *Laudum*, as contained in the Black Book, and letters were written for his induction.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CENTUM SOLIDORUM—Then on the same day, at parley in the choir after vespers, Master Robert Aldrige, S.T.B., on authority of like letters was installed in the canonry and prebend of Centum Solidorum, vacant by resignation of Master Roger Lupton, in the person of Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, as his proctor, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF S. CRUCIS—Mem : That on chapter-day, 8 August, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, meeting in the chapter-house at the usual hour and forming a chapter, on authority of like mandatory letters, Master Edward Derby was installed in the canonry and prebend of S. Crucis de Spaldwyk, vacant by resignation of Master John London, in the person of Master Christopher Massingberd, as his proctor, etc.

CERTIFICATE OF VISITATION OF THE CHURCH OF DERBY—On chapter-day, 8 August, 1528, before the sub-dean, as president of the chapter the deanery being vacant, the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house and forming a chapter according to custom, appeared Master Henry Litherlande, bachelor of decrees, and exhibited certain certificates of his visitation of the college, or collegiate church, of All Saints, Derby, and of the clergy and people of the same, made by him at the time of the vacancy of the deanery, and then paid and delivered to the chapter four marks of lawful money as procurations proceeding from the visitation of the said church. And they allowed him for his expenses in that behalf xs. and the rest was divided among the members of the chapter *per capita*, etc. The tenor of the said certificate was as follows :

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To the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln cathedral, the deanery being vacant, I Henry Litherlande, bachelor of decrees, keeper of the altar of St. Peter in the said cathedral, your humble obedientiary, received your letters of commission subscribed on 15 July, 1528, to be executed with all due reverence, the tenor whereof was as follows : The sub-dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Lincoln, to Henry Litherland, etc. [Commission, see p. 95, fol. 77d.]

Then on 27 July, in the chapel of St. Peter in the cathedral, appeared in person John Sheryff, who in virtue of his oath certified that he was sent by the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln with certain citations addressed to the sub-dean and canons of the collegiate [*Folio 79d.*] church of Derby, which letters, as he asserted, he delivered to one Master Robert Johnson, asserted sub-dean of the said collegiate church, and left them with him. Further, on the 30th day of July I, Henry Litherlande, the aforesaid commissioner or deputy, sitting as judge (*sedens pro tribunali*) in the place appointed for this at the high altar in the chancel of the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby, in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, read publicly the said letters of commission, and this done out of reverence and obedience due to you I took upon myself the execution thereof, and decreed to proceed according to their force and effect, and by the authority committed to me in this behalf I sequestered the fruits, rents, and other emoluments whatsoever belonging to the said deanery, and caused them to be kept under safe and strict sequestration until I should receive further commands in the presence of the said Master Robert Johnson, bachelor of decrees, and sub-dean of the said collegiate church, and of many others both clerics and laymen. And he straightway without any interval exhibited certain citatory letters, sealed with the common seal of the chapter of Lincoln, as follows : The sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, etc., the deanery being vacant, to Master Robert Johnson *als.* Jenkynson, sub-dean of the collegiate church, or royal chapel, of All Saints, Derby—Greeting. Whereas all, and all manner of jurisdiction which belonged to the dean of the cathedral church of Lincoln, now by his death is acknowledged both by custom and by the statutes of the said cathedral to belong to the sub-dean and chapter of the same, and an ordinary visitation is known to have been instituted [as a means] by which, the briars of vices being extirpated, the morals (*mores*) of men are reformed and plants (*plantaria*) of virtues are sown. Hence it is that we, considering as well the usefulness as the need of the said church intend, *Domino disponente*, to visit the said church of All Saints, and you the sub-dean and chapter, canons and vicars, and chaplains holding chantries in the same, and others, clerks, and ministers of the said collegiate church and of the church of St. Alkmund appertaining to it, and all laymen under our jurisdiction on the Thursday after the feast of St. James the Apostle next, by the tenor therefore of these presents we cite you, Master Robert Johnson *als.* Jenkynson, and through you we will and command that all and singular the canons and other ministers of the collegiate church and of the parish of St. Alkmund should be cited, as well as the wardens (*iconomos*) of the churches of All Saints and St. Alkmund, and from the parish of All Saints twelve, from the parish of St. Alkmund five or six, from the town of Eyton two or three, from the town of Quarendon four, and from Little Chester two, to

appear before us or our commissary or official in the said collegiate church on the Thursday after the next feast of St. James the Apostle, with any continuation or prorogation thereof, the canons to exhibit and show their letters of orders and titles to the benefices which they hold in the said collegiate church peremptorily, and under penalty, and further to do and receive what shall be just, and the laity to speak and [*Folio 80*] depose the truth which they know about the matters to be enquired of from them. Moreover we inhibit you and through you we will and command the inhibition of all and singular from attempting or causing to be attempted anything to the prejudice of our visitation. And whatever you shall have done in the premisses you shall duly certify to us at the said day and place. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 15 July, 1528.

These letters having been read by me, Henry Litherland, the said Master Robert Johnson certified that he cited or caused to be cited as shown in a certain paper schedule which he exhibited and handed to me as I sat as judge, to the following effect: To the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, or to your official or commissary on this behalf, the deanery being vacant, Robert Johnson, bachelor of decrees, sub-dean of the free, royal, collegiate chapel of All Saints, Derby, with due reverence, obedience and honour—I have lately received with becoming reverence your letters mandatory and commission in these words, The sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the deanery being vacant, etc. On the authority of which and by their mandate I have caused to be cited all and singular the canons and vicars, chaplains, cantarists, clerks, and other ministers of the said collegiate church and of the church of St. Alkmund belonging to the said royal chapel on the Thursday next after the feast of St. James following the said mandate to exhibit their letters of orders and titles to benefices, etc. Moreover we have peremptorily cited the churchwardens (*iconomos*) of the parish of All Saints and other honest parishioners to the number of twelve, and four men of Querendon in the same parish, and from the parish of St. Alkmund in the town of Derby five, and from Little Chester three, and from Little Eyton in the parish of St. Alkmund three, who may depose the truth which they know to the enquiries at your visitation, as justice demands and requires. The names and surnames of all and each of whom, both the canons and their farmers, the vicars, cantarists, presbyters, clerks and other ministers, and of the laymen are enrolled and subscribed separately and in order (*divisim et serialim*).

NAMES OF THE CANONS—Master Robert Johnson, sub-dean, Master William Brown, Master John Coklande, Master Thomas Lililow, Master Thomas Blith, Master Nicholas Smyth, Master Robert Neuton, all of whom I, Henry Litherland, caused to be preconized; on which the said Mr. Johnson, the sub-dean, then and there in person took the oath of obedience to the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the [*Folio 80d.*] deanery being vacant, and exhibited his letters of collation to his canonry and prebend, and paid as procurations by reason of the visitation xs. Hugh Walker, farmer as he asserted for Mr. William Brown, paid as proxy for him xs. John Litster, farmer for Mr. Robert Neuton and Mr. William Coklande, paid as proxy for Mr. Neuton iijs. iiijd., and for Mr. Coklande, vjs. viijd. John Stevynson, farmer for Mr. Nicholas Smyth, paid as proxy for him vjs. viijd. Edmund Tuchett, farmer for Mr. Thomas Blyth, paid

as proxy for him xs. And Mr. Thomas Lililow paid as procurations for the visitation vjs. viiij*d*.

NAMES OF THE VICARS-CHORAL AND OTHER CHAPLAINS THERE—*Dom.* William Grene, *Dom.* William Boyar, *Dom.* William Lees, vicars-choral; *Dom.* Henry Smyth, chantry-priest, *Dom.* Henry Brykylbanke, chaplain, *Dom.* Robert Coll, chaplain, *Dom.* Nicholas Brykylbanke, chaplain, *Dom.* Henry Lenton, chaplain of St. Mary's chapel on the Bridge, *Dom.* James Buleley, chaplain of Querendon, who one and all appeared in person, and took the oath of obedience to the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, and exhibited their letters of orders. Thomas Morcroft, parish clerk of All Saints, and Robert Fawcon, choral dean (*decanus choralis*) there, also appeared and took the oath of obedience to the sub-dean and chapter.

NAMES OF PARISHIONERS OF ALL SAINTS, DERBY, who appeared in person—Edmund Walker, John Johnson, Christopher Thakker, Thomas Parre, Hugh Walker, Hugh Hobson, William Barowe, Thomas Parker, Thomas Hornebye, who say that the chancel of the said collegiate church, or royal chapel, is ruinous and needs repair, by whom however the repairs should be done, they cannot depose. However Mr. Robert Johnson said publicly before them that the repair of the said chancel belongs to the parishioners and that it used to be repaired by them. They answered that if that was the case, they would repair it. Forasmuch however as the parishioners said that they were under the jurisdiction of their diocesan bishop, they were not sworn, nor did they present any crimes or vices of the parishioners. Item, they say that the college house is ruinous through the fault and negligence of one and all of the canons there who by prescription are bound to repair it. Item, they say that the vicars-choral are in want of three copes (*capis*) through the fault of three prebendaries or canons, viz. Master Thomas Lililowe, William Brown, and John Cokland. Item, they say that there is a certain woman, married as she asserts, dwelling on the south side of the churchyard (*cimiterii*) who withdraws herself from her husband's bed without judgement of the church: the woman then appeared in person, and was enjoined to return to her husband, and she promised to do so. Item, they say that of ancient custom the sub-dean of the collegiate church has been wont to have to farm all the prebends belonging to the prebendaries at Little Chester, giving for them to each prebendary the accustomed rent. Item, they say that the men of Querendon, parishioners of All Saints, do not contribute to the repair of All Saints' church.

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NAMES OF PARISHIONERS OF ST. ALKMUND, who also appeared in person—Robert Smyth, Henry Willmott, Edmund Whyt, Thomas Herdye, John Stevynson of Little Chester, Edmund Tuchett and Henry Coghen, of the same, Elias Cokeram of Little Eyton, John Lichfeld and Edmund Parker, of the same, and James Shefeld, parish clerk (*aquebailus*) of St. Alkmund. These being sworn say that they used to have three masses a week by one of the college, and now they do not have them. Item, they say that one Elena May is a public slanderer and abuser of her neighbours. Item, they say that one Alice Haryson slandered Cecily Borows by calling her whore, and the said Cecily likewise used slanderous words to Alice by calling her a whore. Item, they present that one

John Borows keeps suspected persons in his house. Item, they say that George Borows has carnal connection with a woman whose name they do not know. The correction of all of which I Henry Litherlande, as commissary, on account of other business to be expedited by me, decreed should be committed to Mr. Robert Johnson, the sub-dean, who should correct and punish canonically each of them by authority of the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln.

NAMES OF THOSE OF QUERENDON, in the parish of All Saints, Derby, and under the jurisdiction of the dean, who appeared in person—John Key, William Smyth, William Potter, John Walker, senior, all of Querendon, who being sworn say that they used to have three masses a week by one of the college, and now they do not have them ; also that the sub-dean used to give them once a year a pound of wax.

Then I, Henry Litherlande, prorogued the visitation unto the Thursday after Michaelmas next, in the presence of Masters Robert Johnson and Henry Cocks, bachelors of decrees, asked and required to testify to the premises.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF KETTON—Mem : That on Wednesday, August 12, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean as president of the chapter (the deanery being vacant), the precentor and chancellor, appeared in person Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, in his canonical habit, and exhibited mandatory letters of John, bishop of Lincoln, addressed to the chapter, on the authority of which they received the said Mr. John Pryn, on whom the bishop had conferred the canonry and prebend of Ketton, vacant by resignation of Master Edward Derby, and installed him as brother and fellow-canon : and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, as well as to pay the seventh, etc. [*Folio 8rd.*] as contained in the Black Book. And when *Ecce quam bonum* had been chanted, and he had kissed each of the canons according to his degree, the said Master John Pryn received xij*d.* out of the common, which straightway he delivered to the use of Richard Laveroke, principal watchman at the cathedral, as customary in like cases.

ANNULMENT OF ORDER REGARDING THE CHAPEL OF MANTON—At the same time, etc., with the consent of the whole chapter it was decreed that the ordinance made on 12 October last past respecting the nomination to the chantry of Manton should be null and invalid and of no effect, and they revoked the same for the reason that, as they then asserted, the chancellor had never consented it ; for what concerns all, should by all be approved.

LEASE OF THE LATE ARCHDEACON SMYTH'S HOUSE¹—On chapter-day, Saturday, 22 August, 1528, in the chapter-house, Masters John Talbot, sub-dean and president of the chapter, the deanery being vacant, Simon Grene *alias* Foderby, precentor, Richard Parker, treasurer, and

¹ With regard to this house the bishop wrote to Wolsey, 15 July, 1528—"There is a house in the close of Lincoln belonging to the late archdeacon, which I should be glad of for a residence for my nephew, Richard Pate, archdeacon of Lincoln, whom I should like to settle there". (*Letters & Papers*, Hen. VIII, IV, II, 1973.) He could scarcely have occupied it, as he never made protestation of residence, and his name nowhere appears as present in chapter.

Christopher Massingberd, canons residentiary, (Masters Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor, being out of the city, and Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, being sick,) meeting together and forming a chapter at the usual hour, after diligent treating among themselves, on the proposition of the said Master Christopher, granted and unanimously let to farm to Master Richard Pate, present archdeacon of Lincoln, the house in which Master William Smyth his immediate predecessor lived within the Close, for the term of his life, paying yearly for it to the chapter and their successors *lxvs.*, the indentures to be signed and sealed when the dean now elected shall have been installed, etc.

CONCERNING THE VACANCY OF THE DEANERY—At the same time, etc., the said members of the chapter treated and discoursed concerning the vacancy of the deanery, belonging to them during the said vacation, and after holding various discussions they committed their powers (*vices suas*) and full authority to Master Christopher Massingberd who should ride with the decree of the election of Master George Henage as dean, to communicate with him as elect concerning the said vacancy and to come to an agreement with him for the same in the name of the chapter for a reasonable sum of money, if it should seem expedient to him, and if the said dean elect should wish it, and be willing to compound with the chapter for the same.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON FUND—At the same time, etc., the chapter according to old and laudable custom unanimously chose the sub-dean and chancellor as auditors of the common for the present year.

ELECTION OF DEAN—Mem : That at the same time, etc., was sealed the decree of the election of Master George Henage, prebendary of Bikelleswade, who on 17 August last in the said chapter-house was elected as dean by way of compromise, as defined and determined by the chapter [*Folio 82.*] *Cum Expediat*, etc. There was also sealed the proctorship for seeking and obtaining the consent of the said elect to his election, and its confirmation by authority of the ordinary, in the name of the sub-dean and chapter.

PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE—On chapter-day, 5 September, 1528, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, as president, the deanery being vacant, the chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, canons residentiary, assembled chapter-wise, etc., at the usual hour, the precentor being absent, appeared Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor aforesaid, who exhibited a proxy from Mr. Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe and prebendary of S. Crucis, then being sick at his residentiary house within the close, and made himself party to it; and this proxy being inspected and admitted, Master Nicholas Bradbrige, as proctor, read and handed in a certain protestation in the following words : *In Dei nomine Amen* : Before you, the sub-dean, and my brethren the canons residentiary of this cathedral, assembled chapter-wise, etc.—Whereas according to the statutes and laudable customs of this cathedral hereunto in use a canon residentiary who has been in major residence for three years is able to dispose himself at his own free will, and to continue in minor residence, therefore I, Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor

of this church and sufficiently and lawfully appointed proctor on this behalf of my venerable brother Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, and canon residentiary of this church, and prebendary of S. Crucis in it, who has served God in the same in major residence for nineteen years and more, bearing the burden day and night continually.—Therefore, as his proctor I do openly, publicly, and expressly by these writings protest that it is his intention (God granting it) in the next year to make his minor residence, viz., on account of his bodily weakness and the various infirmities under which he daily labours, so that he is now unable to perform the divine ministry in the said church, as well as on account of the visitation of his archdeaconry and other causes reasonably moving him in conscience thereto, affirming however publicly and expressly that by this protestation of minor residence he does not intend, if God should give him grace and health, to derogate in any way from making and continuing his major residence hereafter, if it shall please him, according to the custom of the church, but that this major residence should be secured and open to him in future, (*sit sibi salva et libera in evenlu*.) so that he may return to it and continue in the same grade, position, and age of residence in which he is at present, when it shall seem a fitting time to do so, the foregoing protestation notwithstanding. I protest also, as his proctor, that at his will he may correct, amend, add to, or detract from, this protestation, if and so far as it may be needful, whensoever it may seem expedient to him, and to reduce it to more competent and efficient form according to law at suitable and fitting times. This protestation having been read, the chapter, after divers discourses among themselves, then and there admitted it as far as it was admissible by law and by the statutes and customs of the cathedral.

Folio 82d.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On chapter-day, 12 September, 1528, in the chapter-house, William Hallyday, vicar-choral, was admitted to receive the order of deacon, and Hugh Salmon, also vicar-choral, the order of sub-deacon, and having been examined according to custom by the chancellor, they had letters of presentation under the common seal.

Folio 83.

SEVENTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 24 September, 1528, in the 7th year of the office of Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On the Monday after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 24, the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Massingberd being assembled in the chapter-house (the archdeacon of Stowe being ill and absent), and forming a chapter, account having been rendered of the common, they proceeded according to ancient custom to the election of a provost of the common for the ensuing year, and they unanimously elected Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, as well by choice as by seniority of residence, and gave and assigned to him as provost such power of taking cognizance of matters both of correction and amendment, as other provosts have had

in times past, in places without the cathedral and close in which the dean and chapter have jurisdiction.

At the same time they elected the chancellor as senior, and Massingberd as junior, masters of the works ; Master Simon Foderby, the precentor, as supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burgherse ; and Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, as supervisor of the choristers, as well as of the head and shrine of St. Hugh.

DISPENSATION OF MR. MASSINGBERD—At the same time, etc., Master Christopher Massingberd explained to his brethren that he had lately received a royal brief, under penalty, to answer to the king in chancery on articles, as he said, altogether unknown to him, and what stay he should make in this matter he knew not. Wherefore he sought a dispensation from the chapter, that if it should happen to him (*quod absit*) to be thrust into prison or to receive injunctions not to depart from London or from the king's court, that thenceforth in the time of his absence or detention he might be accounted as present, so as not to lose commons, until he be at liberty. And this they granted and do grant to him.

ADMISSION TO KEEPERSHIP OF THE HIGH ALTAR—And the same day at parley after vespers *Dom.* William Moyses gave up (*dimisit*) the keepership of the high altar, and in his place the chapter nominated *Dom.* John Mayneman to the office on the part of the chapter, and the treasurer presented *Dom.* John Gammell to be keeper of the high altar, whom they admitted on the part of the treasurer, in the place of John Mayneman ; and he took the oaths, etc.

Folio 83d.

GRANT OF ANNUITY TO EDWARD DERBY, ARCHDEACON OF STOWE—On 27 September, 1528, in the choir, at parley after vespers, it was explained by Master Thomas Lillilow, clerk of the common, on behalf of the archdeacon of Stowe, that on account of the constant and continual infirmity under which he is known to labour, he has not been able, and is not able, to serve the church in his course, nor to keep major or minor residence as he would have wished if this infirmity had not hindered him, wherefore it is submitted that his brethren should compound and do with him as they would wish done to themselves if in like case, and that they should assign him an annual portion in lieu of his residence. And the members of the chapter, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, Mr. Massingberd being then absent out of the city, unanimously granted him *xvjli.* a year for giving up and releasing his residence, as well as major as minor, and for the faithful payment of the said *xvjli.* they decreed that letters should be made out under the common seal.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ASGARBY—On October 2, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, and treasurer, then and there assembled chapter-wise in their canonical habits, Master John Bell, doctor of decrees, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop addressed to the sub-dean and chapter, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Asgarby, vacant by resignation of Master John Alen, in the usual form, in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, prebendary of Ketton, and was canonically inducted in the same with all their rights, etc., and took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the *Laudum*, etc.

OATHS OF THE PROVOSTS OF THE VICARS-CHORAL OF EITHER FORM—On chapter-day, October 3, at parley after vespers, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, (Massingberd being then absent out of the city) assembled chapter-wise, appeared *Dom.* William Bateman, provost of the senior vicars, and William Shawe, provost of the junior vicars, and swore each of them, on touch of the Holy Gospels of God, the provost of the senior vicars that he would faithfully and indifferently perform all things belonging to his office to the utmost of his power, putting aside all gain, hatred, favour or fear, and would exhibit his list (*tabulam*) every Sunday, according to laudable custom, to the dean and chapter, or the dean being absent, to the sub-dean, or to the president, and the chapter; the provost of the junior vicars that he will mark (*intitulabit*) the defaults of the vicars not duly observing their offices in the divine services by day and night, and every week will present them in writing in the chapter-house according to the statutes and laudable customs of the church.

GIFT OF A CHALICE FOR THE HIGH ALTAR—On October 5, at parley after vespers, present then and there the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, it was set forth by the sub-dean, that Charles, bishop of Hereford,¹ had designed (*destinavit*) for the archdeacon of Stowe a gilt chalice for the high altar, which he in the archdeacon's name handed over in full chapter, in the presence of Dr. Downe who brought it, and the [*Folio 84*] members of the chapter gratefully accepted it, and delivered it to the sacrist for the aforesaid purpose.

INSTALLATION OF MR. GEORGE HENAGE AS DEAN, BY PROXY—On 7 October, 1528, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, Master Massingberd being then absent out of the city, assembled chapter-wise, etc., for this office, Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, the precentor, exhibited the proxy of Master George Henage, dean of Lincoln, elect and confirmed, sealed with his own seal, and made himself party thereto, and as his proctor asked of the chapter that the said George Henage should be inducted and installed as dean in accordance with the bishop's mandate then exhibited by him, as follows: John, bishop of Lincoln, etc. When this mandate had been thus exhibited and read by me, Peter Effard, notary public and chapter-clerk, by order of the chapter, in a loud and intelligible voice, and the kiss of peace given by each residentiary present to the said proctor in name of his lord, the president in his own name and that of his brethren began the psalm *Ecce, quam bonum*, etc., said alternately by the whole choir then being in the chapter-house in a low voice, with the *Kyrie*, etc., and the collect, *Acciones nostras quæsumus, Domine*, etc. Then the president began the psalm *Te Deum laudamus*, etc., the whole choir singing it, and going out to the horn (*cornu*) of the high altar, the president and the treasurer honorably conducting the precentor between them, and before

¹ Charles Booth, bishop of Hereford, 1516, died 1535. He had been connected with Lincoln cathedral as prebendary of Clifton, 1501, of Farendon, 1504, and archdeacon of Bucks, 1505. In the Inventory of Jewels, etc., belonging to the cathedral, 1536, 28 Henry VIII. it is described as "One Chalice silver and gilt having written about the cup, *Laudate Domino in ecclesia sanctorum*, and on the foot, *Totus mundus est ecclesia*, and on the paten, *Enixa est puerpera*, of the gift of the Lord Charles Boothe, bishop of Hereford". It was still in possession of the cathedral in 1553, 7 Edward VI, and 1557, 4-5 Philip & Mary, Dugdale, *Mon. Angl.* VI, 1278, 1287, 1290.

the altar unto the end of the said psalm and the prayers said by the president over him as he knelt. These being ended, the precentor as proctor for the said dean, standing at the horn of the high altar, touching and looking on the Holy Gospels, took the oath as contained in the Black Book of customs. This being done, the president and chancellor assigned to him in the person of his proctor, with due reverence the stall in choir belonging of custom to the dean, and installed him therein, and thence they returned to the chapter-house and assigned to him the place there belonging of use and wont to the dean, whom thus inducted and installed they will defend (*Deo dante*) by ecclesiastical censures. And so they retired, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF RICHARD DENYSE, OF THE CLOSE—On chapter-day, 10 October, 1528, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer, Massingberd being then in London, and the dean also being absent, was proved the will of Richard Denyse, of the Close of Lincoln, deceased, and administration was committed to his relict and executrix, who was sworn in form of law, etc.

Folio 84d.

OFFICES OF CLERK OF THE COMMON AND RECEIVER AND OF AUDITOR—At the same time, etc., the chapter considering that on the day of the last release of accounts it was shown that Master Thomas Lillylow,¹ clerk of the common, had greatly longed and still none the less desired effectually (*multum affectabat et nichilominus desideravit cum effectu*) that the chapter would provide another clerk receiver in his place, and that he did not intend to exercise or occupy that office beyond the year, therefore after mature deliberation and discourse among themselves it pleased them that the said Thomas Lillylow should have, together with Robert Browne who consents thereto, the office of auditor to the dean and chapter for the term of their lives, or of the life of the longer liver of them, and that for that year next following Thomas Lillylow shall hold and exercise the office of clerk of the common or receiver, and in the same year shall instruct Richard Bevercotes in the exercise of the said office, to whom the chapter in the year past have granted the office of clerk of the common or receiver, with the fees thereto belonging, *quamdū se bene et honeste gesserit*.

OBEDIENCE OF THE CANONS TO THE DEAN—On 12 October, in the chapter-house, present then and there the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean (Massingberd being absent without the city), the dean received the canonical obedience of each residentiary then present, as follows: Mr. Dean (*Domine Decane*), I promise you canonical obedience as dean, and he then gave each of them the kiss of peace. This being done the dean considering that by his oath then shown to him and by him, as it seemed, gladly received, he is bound to make major residence in the cathedral, therefore he earnestly desired his brethren then present that they would deign to grant to him the farms of closes and other places which his immediate predecessor had and used to hold (*habuit et tenebat*) for an annual rent, against his coming, *Deo dante*, to make his

¹ Thomas Lillylow, who now resigned the office of clerk of the common, had previously been one of the Cantilupe cantarists. He succeeded dean Constable as rector of Kettlethorpe in 1527, and became prebendary of Thorngate 1531, and of Nassington, 1542. Richard Bevercotes, who succeeded him as clerk of the common, was a layman.

major residence. This they granted willingly (*benevolo animo*) as it appeared, and the treasurer especially said that he granted it with goodwill, and further would see to the other farms necessary for him (*ulterius procurare de aliis firmis sibi necessariis*).

LICENCE FOR BISHOP LONGLAND'S CHAPEL—They granted also, at the dean's request, that the present bishop of Lincoln should have a place to construct a chapel for his sepulture at the south door of the cathedral to the west of the chapel of bishop John Russell, viz., on the west side of the south door of the cathedral.

LEASE OF THE LATE ARCHDEACON OF LINCOLN'S HOUSE TO THE PRESENT ARCHDEACON—On chapter-day, 24 October, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, there was read in full chapter an indenture of the lease of the house in which Master William Smyth, late archdeacon of Lincoln lived, [*Folio 85*] granted and let to farm to Master Richard Pate, present archdeacon, for the term of his life, paying annually lxs. And in like manner there was granted to him the farm of a tenement near Burghershe chantry, formerly in the tenure of Mr. William Smyth, for his life, paying yearly xs. ; and they subscribed the indenture with their own hands.

At the same time, etc., letters patent of an annuity of xiiis. iiijd. granted to Master John Gilbert for life were subscribed by the residentiaries.

Also letters patent granting to *Dom.* Robert Dove, vicar choral, the office of singing master and the instruction of the choristers for his life, were read and subscribed.

Also they unanimously granted to Thomas Bedale, janitor of the Close, that he should have letters patent of his office for his life.

Also at the same time, etc., they granted and decided that Richard Bevercotes should have letters patent of this office of clerk of the common, which he had under their common seal, as follows : To all, etc., the dean and chapter of Lincoln cathedral, greeting, etc. Know ye that we, etc., having much confidence in the fidelity, knowledge, industry and circumspection of Richard Bevercotes,¹ for which he is commended to us by trustworthy testimony, have with the unanimous assent and consent of the chapter, given and granted, and by this present writing do give and grant, to him the office of clerk of our common and receiver-general of all receipts of our bailiffs, supervisors, provosts, collectors, farmers, and other officials, also of all emoluments, proceeds, and issues concerning us and the chapter to be received, demanded and acquitted for us and our successors, and to do, exercise and execute all other things which the order and nature of those offices require and demand, and by these presents we make, constitute and appoint the said Richard Bevercotes our clerk of the common and our receiver-general, to have, occupy, exercise and execute the aforesaid offices by himself, or for

¹ Richard Bevercotes who thus succeeded to the office of clerk of the common and receiver general to the dean and chapter was of a Newark family. He held these offices until his death, 5 June, 1546, when he was buried in the minster, at the feet of bishop Atwater, in accordance with his will. His daughter and heiress, Alice, was married in St. Margaret's church, 14 April, 1538, to Thomas Massingberd, of Bratoft, a relative of Master Christopher Massingberd, who so long was connected with the cathedral.

reasonable cause by his sufficient deputy to be admitted by us, the dean and chapter, and our successors, from the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross next after the date of these presents for the [*Folio 85d.*] whole term of his life, receiving yearly for the exercise of these offices ten pounds of lawful money of England as his fee, together with his reasonable expenses for riding and going about the business of the afore-said offices, with all other fees, wages, rewards (*regardis*), profits, emoluments and advantages (*awantagiis*) belonging to the said offices as fully and amply as any other has had, and also a robe or gown of three yards (*trium virgarum*) and a half of the best cloth of the livery of the chapter, commanding and enjoining all and singular our officers, farmers, bailiffs, ministers and tenants that they render help and favour, counsel and obedience to the said Richard Bevercotes, our clerk of the common and receiver-general, or to his deputy, in the exercise of their office in all things, as is fitting, provided always that the said Richard Bevercotes be altogether faithful to the cathedral and to us and our successors and duly perform and take cognisance of (*subeat et agnoscat*) all things incumbent on him in virtue of these offices, and also answer for the receipts and payments made by him to us and our successors, and render yearly a full and faithful account thereof at fitting times before our auditors, as before has been customary. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal to these presents. Dated 24 October, 1528.

LETTERS-PATENT FOR THE OFFICE OF AUDITOR—At the same time, etc., the chapter granted and decided that Masters Thomas Lillylow and Robert Browne should have letters-patent for the office of auditor to themselves and the longer liver of them, which letters they had under the common seal of the chapter, as follows: To all, etc., know ye that we, the dean and chapter of Lincoln, have unanimously given, granted, etc., to Robert Browne, esq., and Thomas Lillylow, clerk, and to the longer liver of them, for the good services done, and hereafter to be done by them to us and to the cathedral, the office of auditor to hear and determine all and singular the accounts of all receivers, supervisors, bailiffs, provosts, collectors, farmers, and other ministers whomsoever accountable to us and the chapter for ourselves and our successors for the future, and also to do and execute all other matters required by the nature of such account. And by these presents we make, constitute and appoint them, and the longer liver of them, our auditors or auditor, to have, occupy, and exercise the said office by themselves, or by their sufficient deputy for whom they shall be answerable, from the [*Folio 86*] feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross last past for the term of life of the longer liver of them, receiving yearly an hundred shillings as their fee or annuity, viz. at the hands of our clerk of the common chamber or receiver-general for the time being lxxvs. viiij*d.* at the terms of the Nativity and of the Exaltation, and at the hands of our clerk of the works xxxiijs. iiij*d.* to be paid by equal portions at the same terms, as also their reasonable expenses in going, staying and returning for the final execution of their office to be paid in like manner at the hands of the said clerks of the common chamber and of the works, together with all fees, etc., belonging to the said office in as ample a form as any other has had them, and also a robe or gown of 3½ yards of the best cloth of the livery of the chapter to be received yearly. Giving moreover commands to all our officers, bailiffs, etc., whomsoever that they be attentive (*intendentes*)

to them in the execution of their office, and render them favour, counsel, help, and obedience in all things, as is fitting. And if it happen that the said fee or annuity of 100s. be in arrear for one month after the term at which it ought to be paid, that then it shall be lawful for the said Robert and Thomas, or their deputy, to enter into the manor of Navenby, or any parcel thereof, and to distrain, and to carry or drive away their distrains and retain them until full satisfaction and payment be made to them for the said fee or annuity, and for the arrears thereof, if any. In witness whereof, etc. Dated 24 October, 1528.

OFFICE OF LAY SACRIST—On the aforesaid chapter-day Robert Smyth was admitted to the office of lay sacrist, vacant by the dimission of Master John Gilbert, last incumbent, on the nomination and presentation of Master Richard Parker, the treasurer ; and he took the oath of obedience and fidelity to the dean and chapter, and of the due performance of the duties incumbent on him by reason of his office.

[*In margin*—Void, see before.¹]

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF OXFORD—On October 18, at the door of the vestry, on authority of [*Folio 86d.*] mandatory letters from the bishop, etc., Master Nicholas Wilson, S.T.P., was installed in the archdeaconry of Oxford, vacant inasmuch as Master George Henage, late archdeacon, had accepted the dignity of dean, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, and was canonically inducted in the same with all its rights and appurtenances, and he took the oaths, as proxy, of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum and all other things as contained in the Black Book. Present the sub-dean, chancellor and treasurer.

LEASE OF THE RECTORY OF BOTNESFORD—On chapter-day, 14 November, 1528, in the choir, at parley after vespers, indentures were read of the rectory of Botnesford, made to *Dom.* William Haley, late vicar there, for a term of 25 years, paying yearly, viz., for 5 years *xijl. vjs. viijd.* and for the remaining years *xijl.*, and were then subscribed by the hands of the canons, the precentor being then absent in his house of residence.

LEASE OF PART OF THE DEMESNE AND OF THE RECTORY HOUSE OF NORMANBY—On chapter-day, November 28, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and Massingberd, an indenture was read of part of the demesne of Normanby with the rectory-house made to Thomas Dighton and his assigns for the term of 24 years next following, paying annually for the first 4 years *cxiijs. iiijd.*, and for the remaining years *iiijli.* a year, and the members of the chapter subscribed the indenture.

LEASE OF THE RECTORY OF NORMANBY—On chapter-day, December 12, an indenture was granted to Thomas Lerke of the rectory of Normanby for a term of 25 years, paying for the first five years *xli.*, and for the twenty years after *xl. vjs. viijd.* yearly, by equal portions at the feasts of the Purification and of the Nativity of St. John Baptist ; present

¹ Robert Smyth's admission to the office of lay sacrist has been already entered on 2 May, 1527 ; see p. 76.

the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and Massingberd, who subscribed the indenture.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—At the same time, etc., William Frauncys, poor clerk, was admitted to receive the order of Acolyte, and having been examined by the chancellor according to custom, had letters of presentation.

Folio 87.

INSTALLATION TO THE DIGNITY OF PRECENTOR—On 15 December, 1528, in the presence of the sub-dean, chancellor and Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, canon residentiary, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Christopher Massingberde, canon residentiary, was admitted and installed in person in the precentorship, vacant by resignation of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, and then and there took the oaths of canonical obedience and observance of the Laudum of bishop William Anewyk, and of the statutes and laudable customs of the church as contained in the Black Book; and then by reason of this dignity they, then and there, made him *Go up higher.*

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LEIGHTON ECCLESIA—On 24 December, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor and chancellor, then and there assembled chapter-wise in their canonical habits, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master William Cleyburgh, doctor of either law, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Leighton Ecclesia, vacant by resignation of Master James Rogers, in the person of Master Peter Effard, notary public and chapter clerk, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, as above, in his name.

LEASE OF THE RECTORY OF WELLYNGORE—On 9 January, 1528, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Foderby (the dean being absent), was read an indenture of the rectory of Wellyngore granted to Mr. Henry Sapcotes for a term of 41 years, paying yearly at the feasts of the Nativity and of St. John the Baptist for the first fifteen years *xiiijs. iijjd.* a year, and for the remaining twenty-six *xvj.*, and they subscribed the indenture with their own hands.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR OF THE SECOND FORM—On January 15, William Beste was admitted as vicar of the second form, and took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF A JANITOR OF THE CLOSE—On chapter-day, January 16, in the chapter-house, William Wheteley was admitted to the office of janitor of the Close, vacant by death of Thomas Bedale, and swore obedience and fidelity to the dean and chapter, and to the faithful exercise of his office in all things.

Folio 87d.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM BORTOFTE, OF HAYNTON—On chapter-day, January 23, in the chapter-house, was proved the will of William Bortoff, late of Haynton, and administration was committed to Margaret his relict and executrix, who was sworn in form of law; present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean [*sic*], and Foderby.

RENUNCIATION OF THE EXECUTION OF THE WILL OF THOMAS GEORGE—At the same time, etc., appeared Ralph Wallys and William Robertson and voluntarily renounced the execution of the will of Thomas George, late of the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, in which they were named executors, which renunciation the chapter accepted, and decreed that Thomas George had died intestate for want of executors, and that his goods should remain under sequestration, and they committed such sequestration to Masters Henry Litherland and Peter Effard, and to *Dom.* John Cooke.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF THOMAS GEORGE AND THOMAS BEDALE—On chapter-day, January 30, in the chapter-house, in the presence of the same, administration of the goods of the said Thomas George, who died intestate, as more fully appears above, was granted to *Dom.* Richard Kelsey, rector of St. Mary Magdalen, and to Ralph Wallys who, on oath, have to present an inventory before [blank].

At the same time, etc., administration of the goods of Thomas Bedale, late janitor of the Close, who died intestate, was committed to his relict, who on oath has to present an inventory before the feast of the Annunciation next, and she compounded *pro fine inventarii*.

WILL OF RICHARD MARNAM OF SKYLLINGTON—On the same day at parley after vespers in the choir, in the presence of the precentor, treasurer, and Foderby, was proved the will of Richard Marnam, late of Skillyngton, in our jurisdiction, as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen.* The xxxth day of the monyth of Junii, The yere of our Lorde God m^o fyve hundreth xxviith I, Richard Marnam, in the paryshe of Saynt Andrew in Skillyngton in the countie of Lincoln, with a hole mynde and a stedfast wytt makes thys my last Will and testament in thys forme foloyng. Fyrste, I bequeth my soule to God Almyghtty, and to our lady Saynt Mary, and to all the holy company of heven, And my body to be buryed in Saynt Andrew church or churchyerde of Skillyngton aforesayd. Also I bequeth for my mortuary my [*Folio 88*] beste beaste. Also I bequeth to our Lady-wark of Lincoln, xij*d*. Also to the hygh alter in my parysch church, xij*d*. Also to my Sone, to Johanne my doughter and to Agnes my yongest doughter as the Law requires. Also to Agnes my wyff as the Law requires. The Resydue of all my goodys I gyff and bequeth to sir Jeffrey Willughby and to John Gervys[?] whome I do orden and make myn executors to dispose for the helth of my soule and all cristen soulys. And yff it fortune any of my sayd chyldren to departe or they cum to lawfull age for the occupacion thereof themselves, Then I will that the goods of ychon of them so departyng be at the disposicion of my sayd executors to pray for my soule and thers and all crysten soulys. Wytnesses hereof, Thomas Ellesham, Robert Garvy, Richerd Neylson, Robert Chapman, and Stephyn Whyteacre, wyth many other the day and yere abovesayd.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Proof of the above-written will was admitted before us, the dean and chapter of Lincoln, and we have pronounced it duly and lawfully made, and have committed the administration thereof to the executors named therein, who are sworn in form of law. Dated in our chapter-house under our common seal, 30 January, 1528.

PROTEST OF THE PRECENTOR WITH REGARD TO THE ARCHDEACON OF STOW—On chapter-day, February 6, in the chapter-house, before the

sub-dean, chancellor, and Fotherby, assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, Master Christopher Massingberd, the precentor, alleged that in his absence the chapter had granted to Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, an annuity of £16 out of the common fund for giving up his minor residence, to which grant he had not consented nor intended to consent, and moreover he protested openly and publicly in chapter, as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you the sub-dean and my brethren here present, I Christopher Massingberde, bachelor of decrees, precentor and residentiary of this cathedral, and prebendary of Empyng-ham, Do say, allege, and in these writings propound that whereas of your great benevolence and favour you have lately given and granted to our brother Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, £16 at the four quarters of the year, in my absence contrary to the statutes and laudable customs of the church, therefore I protest that, owing to my absence and the contravention of the said statutes and customs, I do not intend to consent to this your gift and grant to the prejudice of myself and the church. And I protest moreover, as I have previously protested, that by anything said, alleged, done, exercised, sought, propounded, or to be said, alleged, etc., or by any [*Folio 88d.*] answer made and to be made by me, I do not intend to consent to the said grant of an annual pension of £16. And I protest moreover my power of correcting or reforming this my protestation by adding to, or subtracting therefrom according to the advice of those learned in the law, *prout moris est et stili.*

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SANCTE CRUCIS—At the same time, etc., on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master John London, LL.D., was installed in the canonry and prebend of S. Crucis, vacant by resignation of Master Edward Derby, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, lawfully constituted his proctor in this behalf, and was canonically inducted in the same, the usual oaths being taken.

DEPRIVATION OF DENIS BRODHED—Mem: That on January 9th the chapter decreed that *Dom.* Denis Brodhed, late cantarist or chaplain of the chantry founded for the soul of bishop Oliver Sutton in the chapel of St. Andrew the Apostle in the cathedral, should be cited, by the best means and ways of law, to show cause wherefore on account of his absence and violation of his oath he should not be deprived of the said chantry. The citation was as follows:

The sub-dean and chapter of the cathedrall (the dean being absent) to all rectors, vicars, chaplains, clerks with cure and without cure, and literates whomsoever within our jurisdiction, Greeting. To you, jointly and separately, we commit and straitly enjoin and command that you cite, or cause to be cited peremptorily *Dom.* Denis Brodhed, chaplain or minister of the chantry founded for the soul of bishop Oliver Sutton in the chapel of St. Andrew the Apostle in the cathedral, personally if he can be found (*apprehendi*) otherwise by publishing this citation openly and publicly in the cathedral before his acquaintance and friends, and by affixing it to the door of the said chapel and leaving it there somewhere, or by any other means whereby it may be likely to be brought to his notice, that he appear before us or our auditor of causes and business on the Friday after the feast of St. Scholastica the virgin next, to show reasonable cause, if he have any, wherefore on account of his manifest

negligence in absenting himself from the said chantry and not officiating in accordance with its foundation, should not be deprived thereof and removed from all right therein in due [*Folio 89*] form of law, and further to do and receive what justice in this behalf shall require, intimating to the said Denis Brodhed that whether he appear at the said day and place or not, we or our auditor intend to proceed in this matter of deprivation, his negligence or contumacy notwithstanding, and whatsoever you shall do in the matter you, or he of you who shall first have executed our mandate, shall certify to us or our auditor. Dated in our chapter-house at Lincoln, 9 January, 1528.

On the said Friday, February 12, at the altar of St. George in the cathedral, before Master Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, auditor of the chapter, holding court as judge, appeared in person *Dom.* Thomas Chamberlayne, cantarist of the cathedral, who on his oath affirmed that the said citation or monition had been duly published in the cathedral on Sunday, 10 January last, at the time of procession, and affixed to the door of the chantry and left there until the day of the Conception as limited in the said citation. On this certificate Master Henry Litherland, proceeding rightly and lawfully in the matter, the said Denis Brodhed, thus peremptorily cited, having been preconized, and long waited for, and not appearing, pronounced him contumacious, and as penalty for his contumacy passed on him the sentence of deprivation, as follows:

In Dei nomine, Amen. We, Henry Litherland, bachelor of decrees, auditor of causes and business for the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the dean being absent, proceeding according to law in the case of Denis Brodhed, perpetual chaplain or cantarist of the chantry founded for the soul of bishop Oliver Sutton at the altar of St. Andrew in the cathedral, on account of his long absence leaving the said chantry neglected and unofficiated, after being lawfully and peremptorily cited, preconized and waited for, and not appearing, all matters requisite having been observed, do pronounce him contumacious and under penalty of his contumacy, and invoking the name of Christ, and having God before our eyes, by authority of the sub-dean and chapter, and by their special mandate to us to pass sentence of deprivation, we do deprive the said Denis Brodhed, and by these writings for ever remove him from the said chantry and his possession thereof, decreeing it to be vacant, and that its vacancy should be intimated to the patrons at fitting time and place.

LEASE OF THE MANOR OF CROKTON—On chapter-day, February 13, in the chapter-house, before the [*Folio 89d.*] precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Foderby, was read an indenture of the lease of the manor of Crokton to William Denyson for the 21 years next following, paying annually £4, as more fully appears in the indenture, which they subscribed with their own hands.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—At the same time, etc., William Frauncys, a poor clerk and acolyte, was admitted to receive the order of sub-deacon, and after examination by the chancellor had letters of presentation under the common seal.

ADMISSION OF JOHN SAVAGE AS VICAR OF THE SECOND FORM—On February 19, John Savage was admitted to the number of vicars of the second form, in presence of the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Foderby, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

VISITATION OF THE CHURCHES OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, AND ST. MARGARET IN THE CLOSE—Mem : That on 7 March, 1528, in the choir at parley after vespers the sub-dean, precentor and Foderby treated about the visitation of the churches of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Margaret in the Close, and after discussion among themselves they nominated and deputed the precentor, the provost of the cathedral for this year, and Mr. Henry Litherland, their auditor, jointly and severally to act, in the name of the chapter, in the matter of the visitation over all causes and persons subject to it.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF RICHARD ADLARD OF HAYNTON—On March 11, at Lincoln, was proved the will of Richard Adlard, late of Haynton, deceased, and administration committed to Alice his relict and executrix, who was sworn in form of law, and compounded for a fine of 10s.

LICENCE OF THE CHAPTER FOR AN EXCHANGE OF THE CHANTRIES OF JOHN BUKYNGHAM AND HENRY EDENSTOW—On March 14, the chapter granted to *Dom.* Thomas Johnson, chaplain of the chantry for the soul of John Buckyngham, and to Thomas Palfreyman, chaplain of the chantry for the soul of Henry Edenstow, that they might treat about an exchange of these their chantries, as follows : The sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln to Thomas Johnson, etc., and to Thomas Palfreyman, etc., Greeting. It has been shown to us on your behalf that for certain just and legitimate causes moving you thereto you intend to make an exchange with one another of your respective chantries, with the consent and assent of those concerned, and that you have humbly prayed us that we would deign to give our [*Folio 90*] licence, as ordinary and patrons in this behalf, we therefore are favourably inclined to your supplication and grant you licence, and give our consent and assent as chapter and patrons thereto, (if only there be no other canonical objection) by these presents, sealed with our common seal. Dated in our chapter-house, 14 March, 1528.

GRANT TO MR. FODERBY OF THE HOUSE IN WHICH MR. EDWARD DERBY LIVED—On chapter-day, March 20, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and Fotherbye, they granted that Master Simon Fotherby should have the house in which Master Edward Darby, arch-deacon of Stow, now lives, as his dwelling-house in his course of residence, paying annually therefor as has been customary.

MONITION OF THE DEAN FOR HIS VISITATION—At the same time, etc., the chapter received the monitory letters of the dean for his visitation in the cathedral, which letters they ordered to be affixed over the dean's stall in the choir, as has been the custom in times past.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF OLIVER SUTTON—On March 24, in the chapter-house, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, being assembled chapter-wise, conferred, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry for the soul of bishop Oliver Sutton at the altar of St. Andrew, vacant by deprivation of Denis Brodhed, on *Dom.* Henry Hopwood, chaplain, and canonically instituted him in the same on his taking the oaths in the usual form.

PRESENTATIONS FOR HOLY ORDERS—On Thursday in *Cena Domini*, viz., March 25, William Schaw, vicar-choral, sub-deacon, William Beste and John Savage, also vicars, acolytes, Thomas Achyrch and William Frauncys, poor clerks, sub-deacons, and Richard Elleson, also poor clerk, acolyte, were presented to receive holy orders on the Holy Saturday of Easter next, viz., Shawe, Achyrch and Frauncys as deacons, Beste, Savage and Elleson as sub-deacons, after examination held by the chancellor according to the ancient custom of the church.

Folio 90d.

WILL OF MATILDA HALDYN, OF BURGH-LE-MARSH—On 2 April, 1529, at Lincoln, was proved the will of Matilda Haldyn, late of Burgh in the Marsh, and administration was committed to her executors, written below, in form of law, as follows :

In the name of God, Amen. The xxiiij day of November, In the yere of our Lorde God, m fyve hundreth xxvth, I, Matild' Haldyn, of Burgh in the Marsh with hole and good mynde make my last will and testament thus. Firste, I bequeth my soule to the mercy of God, and to our lady Saynt Mary, and to all the hole compeny of heven, and my body to be buryd in the chapell of Saynt John within the churche of Burgh. And I will in the name of my mortuarye xs. Also I bequeth to our Lady Warke of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d.* Also to the fatherles children of Saynt Katherine of Lincoln xij*d.* Also to the canons of Bollyngton iijs. iiij*d.* Also, to the nonnys of Bollington iijs. iiij*d.* Also to the hygh alter for tythes forgotten xij*d.* Also to the reparacion of the hygh alter xij*d.* Also to the church of Saynt Peter of Burgh xls. Also to the Trinite gylde and to our Lady gylde, xiijs. iiij*d.* Also to the church of Erby vjs. viij*d.* Also I bequeth to William Broddying Paternoster Crofte and a halff acre of arable lande lying at the Westedyk, to hym, hys heyres and assignes. Also I bequeth to John Broddying iiij acres of pastre callyd Fredalles, to hym, hys heyres and assigns. Also I bequeth to every godchylde that I have on lyve viij*d.* Also I bequeth to William Broddying the beste fether bed. Also to William Pincroke the seconde fether bedde, a counter and a cupborde. Also I bequeth to John Broddying the thyrede fether bed, the beste coverlet, and the beste brasse potte. Also I bequeth to Agnes Broddying a red chyste, and the beste kettyll, and a gret chyste standyng in the Seller, and the seconde brasse potte. Also I bequeth to Jenet Broddying vjs. viij*d.* Also to Alyson Pyncrok vjs. viij*d.* Also to Agnes Broddying vjs. viij*d.* Also to Jenet Swete vjs. viij*d.* Also to Jenet Whytyng, Catherine Broddying and Agnes Broddying [each] vjs. viij*d.* Also I bequeth to Agnes Pyncrok a mazer and a pare of beads of cristall. Also I bequeth to Thomas Haldyn, the sone of Simon Haldyn, iijs. iiij*d.* Also to Jenet Pyncrok iijs. iiij*d.* Also to syr William Boston a fedderbed tyke. The Resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff and bequeth to syr William Boston and to William Pyncrok, whome I make my executors to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all cristen soulys to the pleaser of Allmyghty God. Thes wytnesses, syr Thomas Jordane, vicar of Burgh, Syr Simon Wowlby, John Thomson and Thomas Stanner.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHANTRY OF JOHN BUCKYNGHAM—On April 4, 1529, in the choir, at parley after vespers, before the [*Folio 91*] sub-dean, precentor and Foderby, appeared in person *Dom.* Thomas Johnson, chaplain, as he asserted, of the chantry for the soul of John Buckyngham, and made, read and handed in in writing a resignation of the said chantry

in the following form : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, the sub-dean and chapter, and the notary, and the trustworthy witnesses here present, I, Thomas Johnson, chaplain, etc., wishing and purposing for certain reasons moving me thereto, to exchange my said chantry for the chantry founded for the soul of Henry Edenstow in the said cathedral, if only the consent and authority of those concerned intervene, do resign by these writings into your venerable hands as ordinaries my said chantry with all its rights and appurtenances for the purpose of an exchange for the chantry of Henry Edenstow, and not otherwise. This having been read by him in the presence of the chapter and of me Peter Effard, chapter clerk, they admitted his resignation, and then and there decreed the chantry to be vacant.

Then appeared in person *Dom.* Thomas Palfreyman, cantarist of the chantry founded for the soul of Henry Edenstow, and made a similar resignation of it on the same condition, which was admitted by the chapter.

These things being done, the chapter, *intuitu caritatis*, conferred on Thomas Johnson the chantry of Henry Edenstow, vacant by resignation of Thomas Palfreyman ; and on Thomas Palfreyman the chantry of John Buckyngham, vacant by resignation of Thomas Johnson, and each of them took the oaths of canonical obedience according to the custom hitherto in like cases.

Folio 91d.

INDUCTION INTO THE VICARAGE OF WELTON—On chapter-day, 10 April, 1529, in the chapter-house, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby, being there assembled chapter-wise, on the strength of letters from the bishop addressed to them under his seal, decreed the induction of *Dom.* William Hoton, chaplain, into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Welton Westhall, vacant by resignation of William Kelche, he having been already instituted by the bishop, and caused him to be inducted into the real and corporal possession thereof, and they will defend him so inducted (*Deo dante*) by ecclesiastical censures. And he took the oaths as customary in like cases.

REVOCATION OF THE PRECENTOR'S PROTEST AGAINST THE ARCHDEACON OF STOWE'S ANNUITY—Mem : That 19 April, 1529, in the chapter-house, before Master George Henage, the dean, then visiting the cathedral in his right as dean, being in major residence, Christopher Massyngberd, precentor, Nicholas Bradbryge, chancellor, Richard Parker, treasurer, John Talbot, sub-dean, and Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, canon-residentiary, the said precentor exhibited in writing a revocation of a certain protest formerly made by him, as follows : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, my venerable brethren, I Christopher Massingberde, precentor and canon-residentiary of this cathedral church, declare that lately I made (*posui*) a protest before you of my non-consent to the grant of an annual pension to Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, inasmuch as it was and is contrary to the statute and laudable custom of the cathedral that this should be done in the absence of any canon-residentiary, *Quia tangit omnes*, etc. Yet forasmuch as the said archdeacon has been in the service of Almighty God, St. Mary, and St. Hugh for a space of twenty years in the duties of the cathedral both by day and night, and I hope will also for the future bear goodwill towards us, therefore in consideration of the premises I revoke my former protest, and agree to the said grant of an

annual pension or annuity as it was made by my brethren and not otherwise.

REFORMATION OF THE ABOVE-NAMED GRANT—Item, during the said visitation, viz., on April 22, in the chapter-house, the before-named members of the chapter, then and there forming a chapter, [*Folio 92*] in the presence of the dean, unanimously decreed and ordained that whereas on 27 September, 1528, the residentiaries granted to Mr. Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, sixteen pounds by way of annuity in place (*nomine*) of his minor residence, in accordance with a protestation made in his behalf before them, as more fully appears by inspection of that act. But whereas that act is deemed to be obscure inasmuch as it does not include the manner of payment of this annuity, nor a similar competent grant to the residentiaries themselves, if they should wish for legitimate reasons to give up their residence,—Therefore the chapter have granted anew, and do grant to the archdeacon of Stowe the said annuity of sixteen pounds to be paid at the four usual terms of the year, on condition that a like grant have force and effect in the case of Mr. George Henage, now dean, and of every other residentiary then present in chapter, if and in case he should wish to give up his residence after due protestation, so that any of them, either dean or residentiary, shall have, in virtue of this grant, full power of accepting either his minor residence (protestation thereof being first made) or an annuity of £16, at his own choice and free will.

CUSTODY OF THE GREAT SEAL—Item, at the same visitation the chapter agreed that the common seal of the cathedral should be removed and placed in a chest near the chest of St. Hugh, and there be kept under three keys, as it has before been wont to be kept.

VISITATION OF LANDS, &C., BY THE PROVOST—It was agreed also and settled among themselves by the chapter that the provost for the time being should each year visit the lands and possessions of the common of the cathedral, and that each provost shall have for his expenses in riding, beyond the fees due to him, 5 marks only for his expenses in the said journey. And in case the provost cannot, or will not, ride, then he may choose, with the consent of the chapter, some other of his brethren to ride for the same expenses.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF DECEM LIBRARUM—On May 6, in the choir before vespers, Master Robert Aldryge, S.T.B., on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Decem Librarum, vacant by resignation [*Folio 92d.*] of Master Robert Forthe, and canonically inducted in the same in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, as his proctor, etc., who took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CENTUM SOLIDORUM—At the same time, and on the same authority, Master John Brandisbe, S.T.B., was installed and inducted in the canonry and prebend of Centum Solidorum, vacant by resignation of Master Robert Aldryge, in the person of Master Richard Parker, as his proctor, who took the oaths, etc.

MANUMISSION OF JOHN BATE—To all faithful Christians to whom the present writing shall come,—John, bishop of Lincoln, Greeting. Whereas from the beginning Nature made all men free, and afterwards the law of nations subjected some of them to the yoke of slavery, we believe it to be meritorious before God and man to restore them to their pristine liberty. Therefore Know ye that we, the aforesaid bishop, on account of the honesty of John Bate, son of Richard Bate, late of Calcott, co. Rutland, our native, and the singular affection and goodwill which he has borne in times past, and bears towards us and the cathedral church of Lincoln, have manumitted him and made him free, and released him from all yoke of servitude. So that neither we nor our successors, nor any other in our name or theirs, shall have any right, claim or demand on the ground of any villenage or servitude over the said John Bate nor his sons lawfully begotten. But we dissolve and deliver the said John Bate, and all his progeny (*totam sequelam suam*) begotten in lawful matrimony from all yoke of servitude and villenage for ever. On condition that he and his sons hereafter shall attempt nothing to the prejudice or hurt of us or of the church of Lincoln, but that they be faithful, favourable, and helpful in counsel, word, and deed to us and our successors, and to the said church in future. In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be attached hereto. Dated at the Old Temple, London, 24 April, 1529, in the 8th year of our consecration.

Folio 93.

The foregoing manumission of John Bate, *cum tota sequela*, by the bishop was ratified and confirmed by the dean and chapter, as far as in them lay, for themselves and their successors. Provided always that the said John Bate and his offspring shall behave well, and do nothing to the prejudice or loss of themselves or their successors. Sealed with their common seal. Dated at Lincoln in their chapter-house, 8 May, 1529.

GRANT OF THE OFFICES OF CONSTABLE AND SENESCHAL OF BANBURY—To all, etc.—John, bishop of Lincoln, Greeting. Know ye that we have granted to the most excellent prince Charles, Duke of Suffolk, and to the noble lord Henry, Earl of Lincoln, his son, the offices of constable and seneschal of our hundred, castle and town of Banbury, with all our demesnes within the said hundred with all things appertaining to them. To have and to hold for the term of their lives, or of the life of the longer liver of them, by themselves or by their sufficient deputy, for whom they shall be responsible, with the usual fees and wages to be received at the hands of our officers for the time being, as has been the custom of old, firmly enjoining our tenants there that they give all help, favour and support to the said duke and to the earl of Lincoln in the exercise of the aforesaid offices. In witness whereof, &c. Dated 1 May, 21 Henry VIII, the 8th year of our consecration.

The fore-going grant of the offices of constable and seneschal of [Folio 93d.] Banbury, etc., was approved, ratified, and confirmed by the dean and chapter at Lincoln, in their chapter-house, 15 May, 1529.

PRESENTATIONS FOR ORDERS—On May 18, William Frauncys, poor clerk, deacon, and Richard Elleson, also poor clerk, sub-deacon, were presented for the orders of the presbyterate and diaconate respectively, after examination held by the chancellor, according to usual custom.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On May 23, in the choir, at parley after vespers, John Handley, 18 years old, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, and Fotherby, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and customs.

CONCERNING THE PROVOST'S TURN—On chapter-day, June 5, in the chapter-house, the chapter granted to the sub-dean as provost, that Master Christopher Massingberd, the precentor should ride in his place as provost, and should visit the churches and manors of the common.

RENUNCIATION OF A FORMER STATUTE—On Saturday, June 12, in the chapter-house, the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean and Fotherby, being assembled chapter-wise, etc., renounced a certain statute made by the chapter, that a residentiary in minor residence should be safe (*saluaret*) by continuing it only for 17 weeks and no longer.

GRANT OF ANNUITY TO MR. EDWARD DERBY—At the same time, etc., there was read before the chapter, (the [*Folio 94*] treasurer being absent) a written bond for an annuity or yearly payment of sixteen pounds granted to their venerable brother, Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, for his life, to be paid by equal portions at the four quarters of the year, viz. at the Nativity, the Annunciation, the Nativity of St. John Baptist, and Michaelmas, at the hands of the clerk of the common for the time being ; after reading which the members of the chapter then present then and there subscribed their names and surnames to the said bond.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF AYLESBURY—On June 18, at the door of the vestry in the cathedral, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, the sub-dean, precentor and chancellor inducted Master John Loshe, S.T.P., into the vicarage of Aylesbury, vacant by resignation of Master Nicholas Milys, to which he had been instituted by the bishop, in the person of Master Nicholas Bradbryge, the chancellor, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, and ordered him to be inducted into the real and corporal possession thereof, and he took the oaths, etc., according to custom.

PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE BY MR. RICHARD PARKER, TREASURER—On chapter-day, 19 June, 1529, in the chapter-house, before the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Foderby, then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., Master Richard Parker, treasurer and canon residentiary, in person made, read, and handed in a protestation of minor residence, as follows : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, the sub-dean, as president of this chapter, the dean being absent, and you, my venerable brethren the canons-residentiary here present and forming a chapter. Whereas according to the statutes and laudable customs of this church heretofore in use, a canon who has stood in major residence for three years may place himself at his will in minor residence and continue therein,—Therefore I, Richard Parker, treasurer, and canon-residentiary, and prebendary of Stowe in Lyndesay, who have been in major residence for 3 years and more, [*Folio 94d.*] serving God in the church, bearing the burden of the day and night, do protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings, that it is my intention in the next year to make my minor residence, on account of my bodily weakness and the

infirmities under which I labour daily. Also on account of the visitation of my benefices and their repair, and the repair of my canonical farm not competently carried out, and certain other causes specially moving me and my conscience thereto. Affirming however publicly and expressly that by this protestation I do not intend nor wish (if God give me grace and health) to derogate in any way from the major residence done, or to be done by me in future according to the custom of the cathedral, but that such major residence may be open and reserved for me, so that I may be able to return and continue it in the same state, grade and residence in which I now am, when the time shall seem opportune, the present protestation of minor residence notwithstanding. And I protest that I wish to correct and amend this my protestation and to add to it or detract from it, if and as far it may need, when it shall seem expedient to me, saving always the benefit of the law. And this protestation the sub-dean admitted in his own name and that of his brethren, as far as it was admissible by law and the custom of the church.

ACCEPTANCE OF A CANONICAL FARM—At the same time, etc., the chapter treated and discoursed about their canonical farms for the next year, and at length each of them expressed himself content with his farm for the next year, except Master Christopher Massyngberd, the precentor, who with consent of the chapter accepted Hameldon as his farm for the coming year, and the chapter granted it to him.

GRANT OF ANNUITY OF £16 TO THE TREASURER—At the same time, etc., they treated about the protestation of minor residence made by their venerable brother, Master Richard Parker, for next year, and at his petition after some discussion they granted him, in the name of minor residence an annuity of £16 to be paid at the usual four terms of the year, in accordance with the Chapter-Act previously made in this behalf.

PRESENTATION TO VICARAGE OF ASHBY PUERORUM—Also on the same day, at parley after vespers in the choir, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer, the said treasurer as master of the house of choristers, in right of his mastership, nominated Master Wyld, M.A., pbr., to the vicarage of Ashby [*Folio 95*] Puerorum, vacant by death of Thomas Hamond, and the chapter unanimously presented him to the bishop, or to his vicar-general in spirituals, and issued letters of presentation under their common seal.

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF SENESCHAL OF THE CHORISTERS—On June 18, in the choir at parley after vespers, *Dom.* John Mayneman was admitted to the office of seneschal of the choristers, vacant by dimission of Thomas Palfreyman, in the presence of the precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Foderby.

ADMISSION OF A JANITOR OF THE CLOSE—On Chapter-day 26 June, 1529, in the chapter-house, Thomas Watson was admitted to the office of janitor of the Close, vacant by death of William Whetley, with all its rights, etc., and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of the faithful performance of his office, in the presence of the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Foderby, the precentor expressly dissenting and opposing.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF BEDELL—At the same time, etc., Alexander Plankney was admitted to the office of bedell of the chancellorship of

Lincoln (*Bedelli Cancellarius Lincoln'*) on the nomination of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor, in the presence of the above-named.

WILL OF ROBERT MILNER, OF NEWPORT—At the same time, etc., before the same, was proved the will of Robert Mylner of the parish of St. Nicholas in Newporte, as follows : In the name of God, Amen. The xxiiijth day of May, the yere of o^r Lorde God A thousand fyve hundreth, twenty & neyn, I Robt. Mylner of the parysh of Saynt Nicholes in Newporte in the suburbes of the cite of Lincoln, of hole mynde and memorye ordyn and makyth thys my testament and last Will in manner and forme foloyng. Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to God Almyghty, our blessyd lady Saynt Mary, and all the holy compeny in hevyn, And my body to be buryed wythin the chauncell of the chyrch of Saynt Nicholes aforesayd. And I bequeth to the curate ther for my buryall vjs. viiij*d*. Also I bequeth in the name of my mortuary my beste gowne as custome is. Also I bequeth to our Lady Warkes of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln iijs. iiij*d*. Also to the hygh alter of the same, viij*d*. Also to Saynt Hugh hed, iiij*d*. Also to the church werke of Saynt Nicholes aforesayd iijs. iiij*d*. Also to the hygh alter [*Folio 95d.*] of the same church for my forgotten tythes xij*d*. Also to Saynt Nicholes gylde, viij*d*. Also to Saynt John church in Newporte, viij*d*. Also to Saynt Anne gylde, iiij*d*. Also I will that every one of my daughters have xls. Also I bequeth to the prysoners in the castell to by them bred iiij*d*. Also to the Plough gylde for the lyght, viij*d*. Also to every of the iiij orders of frerys iijs. iiij*d*. Also to the Augustyn frerys one quarter malte and iijs. iiij*d*. Also I will that Elizabeth my wyff and my sone and ther assignes have the yerres of my ferme as my Indenture doth specyfy. The Resydue of all my goods not bequethyd, my dettes payd and my Will fullyllyd, I gyff and bequeth to Elizabeth my wyff, Richerd and Thomas my sonys, whome I make my full executors, they to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they shall thynke beste. And of thys my testament and last Will I orden and make sir Robert Webster, priest, and John Moyite, supervisors, and bequeth to ether of them iijs. iiij*d*. Thies Witnesses, sir William Uttyng, curate of the church of Saynt Nicholes aforesayd, Richerd Horne, Edmund Chapell, Thomas Bullok, John Mylner, wyth other moy. Yeven the day and yere abovesayd.

The fore-going will was proved before us, the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the dean being absent, in the chapter-house on 26 June, 1529, and administration was committed to Elizabeth, the relict and executrix of the deceased, power being reserved to us and our successors of committing administration to Richard and Thomas, the sons and executors, if they shall come to lawful age and shall wish to undertake it, the executrix being sworn in form of law, and having to present an inventory on the feast of Kenelm next. [July 17.]

[*Inserted later.*] On 16 June, 1537, in the cathedral, before Mr. John Pope, auditor for the dean and chapter, appeared Richard Mylner, the before-named executor, and took on himself the entire execution of this will ; and he was sworn in form of law, and had the administration committed to him.

Folio 96.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE READER AT LINCOLN COLLEGE—On June 29, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the sub-dean, precentor, chan-

cellor, treasurer, and Foderby, unanimously presented Christopher Rauson, scholar, to the rector and fellows of Lincoln College, Oxford, for the office of Bible reader in the same, and thereupon the presentation issued in writing under the common seal.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHANTRY OF ST. THOMAS ON THE BRIDGE—At the same time, etc., on the presentation of the mayor and commonalty of the city of Lincoln, the chapter admitted *Dom.* William Smyth, pbr., to the chantry on the bridge of the said city called Wykford Chauntre, vacant by death of Robert Woodward, and instituted him in the same with all its rights, etc., and he took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter, and of observance of the foundation of the chantry.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHANTRY OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN IN GRANTHAM CHURCH—On 2 July, 1529, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Robert Forde, pbr., was admitted to the chantry of St. Mary the Virgin within the parish church of Graham *al.* Grantham, vacant by death of *Dom.* William Lile, on the presentation of the alderman, burgesses and vicars, and commonalty of the town or borough of Grantham, and was canonically instituted as perpetual chaplain, being sworn to foster with all his power and to observe the foundation thereof; present, the sub-dean, chancellor and treasurer.

MODE OF PRESENTATION TO THE SAID CHANTRY—On the same day was exhibited the foundation of the said chantry, in which it is laid down that three of the better class (*probioribus viris*) of the town of Grantham ought to be chosen by the commonalty of that town, or by the larger and wiser (*saniozem*) part, in case all do not agree, and these three so elected have power to present a fit chaplain to the dean and chapter, or to the chapter alone, if the dean be absent, and if the chaplain be competent (*habilis*) he may be admitted at once without difficulty, provided that if the three cannot agree, the chaplain may be presented by two of them.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF NORMANBY—On July 3, at the tomb of St. John Dalderby,¹ present, the sub-dean, chancellor, and Fotherby, *Dom.* Robert Larke, pbr., was presented to the vicarage of Normanby, vacant by death of John Clarke, on the nomination of the chancellor in his course, and thereupon letters of presentation under the common seal were issued to the bishop or his vicar-general in the usual form.

TRIPARTITE INDENTURE FOR THE CARDINAL'S COLLEGE, OXFORD—On chapter-day, July 24, in the chapter-house, present, the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Fotherby, a certain tripartite indenture was exhibited concerning the Lord Cardinal's College at Oxford, and the said members of the chapter decreed that it should be sealed with the great seal, and it was so sealed.

¹ John of Dalderby, bishop of Lincoln, 1300-20, was popularly regarded as a saint, though his formal canonisation could not be obtained from the pope, in spite of the miracles reported to have been wrought at his tomb, and the efforts of king Edward III, and of many bishops on that behalf. His shrine, which appears to have been a not uncommon place for informal meetings of the chapter, was against the west wall of the great south transept, to the left of the entrance from the Galilee Porch. It was of silver, of which metal 4285 ounces are said to have been taken away on its destruction in 1540.

Folio 96d.

ADMINISTRATION OF GOODS OF RICHARD KELSEY—Mem: That on July 25, administration of the goods of Richard Kelsay, late rector of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, who died intestate, was committed to Robert Rawlyn, senr., of Mynyngesby, and to Beatrice, mother of the deceased, who were sworn to exhibit an inventory before Michaelmas next.

COLLATION TO THE RECTORY OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE—On July 26, in the vestry, present the sub-dean, precentor and chancellor, assembled chapter-wise, etc., the treasurer and Foderby being absent, Master Christopher Massingberd, on his own nomination as chancellor in his course, was admitted to the rectory of the church or chapel of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, vacant by death of Richard Kelsey, in the presence of the said members of the chapter, and of Masters Robert Newton and Henry Litherland, bachelors of decrees, and of Henry Sapcotes, notary public.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN GOODRYKE—Mem: That while the provost of the cathedral was itinerating, on 28 July, 1529, at Strubby, the will of John Gooderyk, late of Skydbroke, was proved before the said provost, and administration committed to the executor named therein, who was sworn in form of law.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON FUND—On 14 August, 1529, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and Foderby, the said precentor and Foderby were elected auditors of accounts of the common for the present year.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF EDWARD BRIGGES—On chapter-day, August 21, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor and Foderby, was proved the will of Edward Brygges, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, and administration was committed to Helen Becke, the executrix named therein, who was sworn, etc., and compounded for a fine.

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY OF BISHOP JOHN GYNWELL—On September 4, at the tomb of St. John Dalderby, after vespers, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and Foderby, the treasurer then ministering in the choir, on the nomination of Mr. Foderby in his turn, *Dom.* Robert Woodhouse, pbr., was admitted to the second (*alteram*) of the chantries for the soul of bishop John Gynwell, and he took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, etc.

Folio 97.

PROTESTATION OF MAJOR RESIDENCE BY MASTER JOHN PRYN—On September 11, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean as president, the dean being absent, the precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Foderby, then and there assembled chapter-wise, etc., appeared in person Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, commissary and official of the arch-deaconry of Lincoln and prebendary of Ketton, and made, read and handed in a protestation of his major residence for the said prebend for the coming year, as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, etc., my venerable brethren, etc., I, John Pryn, doctor of decrees, etc., do protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings that it is my intention to

commence and perform (God granting it) my major canonical residence for my said prebend in the church of Lincoln, as of old custom, according to all the force, meaning and effect of such custom, and I protest that it is my will to correct and amend this my protestation, to reduce it to more competent form, to add to or detract from it at fitting time and place, and I beg of you that a canon's lodging may be assigned me to fulfil my residence, and I invite you, the sub-dean as president, and you my venerable brethren that you would deign to be with me in the breaking of bread on the 12th of the present month of September *pro amore Dei et intuitu caritatis*. This protestation was admitted by the president in his own name and that of his brethren, forty pounds having been first paid by him according to custom in like cases, and they assigned to him a lodging (*hospicium*) lately in the tenure of Mr. Carter, near the church of St. Margaret, for the following year.

GRANT OF THE GREAT SEAL FOR A PENSION AT KETTON—At the same time, etc., the chapter granted Mr. John Pryn their confirmation of a decree of the bishop about a pension at Ketton, and that too without fees.

GRANT OF ANNUITY OF £16—At the same time, etc., was read the grant made to Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, of £16 for life, in name of his minor residence, and the members of the chapter subscribed it with their own hands, and decreed that it should be sealed with the provost's seal.

APPOINTMENT OF PROCTORS FOR PARLIAMENT AND CONVOCATION—At the same time, etc., the chapter appointed Masters John Rayne, doctor of either law, and John London, LL.D., their proctors, jointly and severally to appear as well before the king, Henry VIII, in his parliament to be held in his city of London, on 3 November next, as before William, archbishop of Canterbury, in St. Paul's cathedral, London, on 4 November next.

Folio 97d.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 13 September, 1529, William Shawe, deacon, and Hugh Salmon, sub-deacon, vicars-choral of the second form, were presented for the orders respectively of presbyter and deacon, on Saturday in Ember week, examination being first held by the chancellor, and thereupon they had letters of presentation.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On September 14, in the choir at parley after vespers, present the sub-dean, precentor and chancellor, Thomas Marston, 16 years of age, was admitted into the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes and ordinances of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks.

COLLATION TO A WORKS CHANTRY—On September 18, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby assembled chapter-wise, the chancellor, by reason of his seniority *in fabrica*, nominated Dom. Anthony Facet to a Works chantry (*de fabrica*) vacant by dimission of John Garmyll, and he was admitted at parley after vespers, and he took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF A KEEPER OF THE HIGH ALTAR—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Ralph Balgowe, cantarist, was presented by the treasurer to the keepership of the high altar, on his own behalf, and the chapter admitted him.

RESIGNATION OF THE CHANTRY OF WILLIAM DE THORNACO AND COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WALTER STAURETH—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Robert Weste, cantarist of the chantry of William de Thornaco, resigned it into the hands of the chapter, who admitted the resignation and pronounced it vacant. And forthwith the said Robert West was admitted to the chantry of Walter Staureth, vacant by resignation of Henry Hopwood, and he took the oaths, etc.

Folio 98.

EIGHTH YEAR OF MR. PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 1529, in the 8th year of the office of Master Peter Effard, notary public and chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On 20 September, 1529, being the Monday after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, the venerable Masters Christopher Massingberd, precentor, Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, canon-residentiary, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, account was rendered of the common for the preceding year, and the chapter then proceeded to the election of a provost for the ensuing year and they unanimously elected Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, as provost, and granted him such authority as other provosts in times past have been wont to have. And forthwith they elected Masters Christopher Massingberd as senior, and Nicholas Bradbrige as junior, master of the works, Mr. John Talbot as supervisor of the Burghersh chantry, Mr. Nicholas Bradbrige as supervisor of the house of choristers, and Mr. Christopher Massingberd as supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh, for the ensuing year.

MR. EDWARD DERBY'S ANNUITY—At the same time, etc., in the presence of the same appeared in person Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stowe, to whom the chapter granted an annuity of £16 for his life, and thereupon they delivered to him a written bond sealed with their seal for security of its payment, which he received with thanks in full chapter.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—On September 17, at the tomb of St. John Dalderby, present the sub-dean, [*Folio 98d.*] precentor and Foderby, *Dom.* William Hardall, pbr., on the nomination of Master Foderby, by reason of his canonical farm of Wellyngore, was presented to the vicarage of Wellyngore, vacant by death of Richard Marston, and thereupon presentation was issued under the common seal.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF RICHARD MARSTON—On chapter-day, September 25, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Foderby and

Pryn, was proved the will of *Dom.* Richard Marston, late chaplain of the chantry for the soul of Henry Lexington in the cathedral, and administration was granted to *Dom.* John Lambe and *Dom.* John Cooke, the executors named therein, who were sworn and compounded for a fine of 10s., whereof 2s. for each member of the chapter was then received by them.

INDUCTION TO VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—At the same time, etc., appeared in person *Dom.* William Hardall, cantarist of a chantry for the soul of Henry Lexington, and gave in and exhibited his resignation or dimission of the said chantry made in writing under the sign and subscription of Mr. Edward Watson, notary public, which the sub-dean in his own name and that of his brethren admitted, and decreed the chantry to be vacant. And forthwith, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, the said William Hardall was inducted into the vicarage of Wellingore, and he took the oath of canonical obedience; and letters were written to one and all for his induction to the “corpus” thereof.

PROTESTATION OF CERTAIN GRIEVANCES BY MR. JOHN PRYN—At the same time, etc., before the precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean, Master Foderby then ministering at the high altar, appeared in person Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, canon residentiary, and then and there made, read, and handed in a certain protestation in writing, as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, the sub-dean and chapter of this cathedral, assembled chapter-wise, I, John Pryn, your fellow-canon of this cathedral, prebendary of Ketton, and lawfully constituted in my great residence, feel myself in divers ways aggrieved. First, forasmuch as the dean, and you the chapter, have unanimously and definitely granted an annuity of £16 to Master Edward Derby, archdeacon of Stow, to be paid out of the common fund of the cathedral for the term of his life, and a like annuity of £16 to Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, for his life, and [*Folio 99*] by your capitular letters, under your common seal, have confirmed the same. And besides by your common counsel and consent you have granted as well to the dean as to all and singular the members of the chapter then being in greater (*magna*) residence free power of claiming and obtaining a like annuity of £16, whensoever it shall please them, and have caused this to be recorded (*mactilari*) in your register to the no slight prejudice and grievance of me, John Pryn, and to the manifest dilapidation of the goods and property of the cathedral, and to the inevitable diminution of divine service and of hospitality therein. Secondly, forasmuch as that whereas the canonical farm of Wellyngore was previously sufficiently let and leased for a term of 14 years yet to come, you the sub-dean and chapter have applied to your own private profit 20 marks received by you for prolonging the lease in the late year's account, viz. at the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross in the present year 1529, and nevertheless in like manner you have granted and confirmed to the lessee (*conductori*) of the said farm 40s. to be applied to the repairs of the dwelling-house of the farm at Wellyngore, and to be paid, or at least allowed to the lessee out of the future common fund, also to the no slight prejudice and grievance of myself, and to the pernicious example of others. From these grants therefore, confirmations, sealings, prejudices and grievances, one and all, done to me in this behalf (the time for such appeal having not yet expired) I appeal to the reverend

father and lord, the lord bishop of Lincoln, in these writings, all and each of which jointly and severally I propound, protesting moreover my right to add, subtract, amend and reform the same, if and as far as it shall seem to me expedient, and firstly, secondly and thirdly, with triple urgency (*instanter, instancius et instantissimus*), I appeal to the Apostolic See (*Apostolos peto*). And in all and singular the premises I submit myself to the reformation, ruling and sentence of the said reverend father, saving always my rights in law (*juris beneficio michi semper salvo*). This protestation having been read in the presence of the above-named members of the chapter, and of Master Richard Bevercotes, their receiver, and of John Lambe and John Cooke, cantarists, as witnesses, the chapter assigned to Mr. John Pryn on his petition the following Saturday to receive his petition in the chapter-house.

When this Saturday, October 2, came, all the canons residentiary being then present in the chapter-house, and forming a chapter, the said Master John Pryn petitioned that appeal to the Apostolic See (*Apostolos*) might be granted and effectually delivered to him. This the chapter neither granted nor refused, but wished the matter to remain *in statu quo* for fuller consideration amongst themselves with the advice of men learned in the law. On the same day Mr. Pryn asserted that he intended to acquiesce in the matter of the repair of the canonical farm of Well-yngore, but protested that he would prosecute the other grievances according to the exigence of law.

Folio 99d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ST. MARTIN—On September 29, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present the sub-dean, precentor and Pryn, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Henry Whyte, M.A., was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of St. Martin, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor, who in his name took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WILLIAM DE THORNACO—On October 2, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present, the sub-dean, precentor, and Pryn, *Dom.* William Shawe, vicar-choral, was admitted to the chantry for the soul of William de Tornaco in the chapel where the mass of the B.V.M. is daily celebrated, vacant by resignation of *Dom.* Robert Weste, and was instituted in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the foundation of the chantry, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY OF HENRY DE LEXINGTON—On October 9, in the choir, at parley after vespers, Master John Thorpe, M.A., on the nomination of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, in his course, was admitted to a chantry for the soul of Henry Lexington, late bishop of Lincoln, in the chapel of St. John the Evangelist in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of *Dom.* William Hardall, and was canonically instituted and took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Fotherby and Pryn.

COLLATION TO THE OTHER CHANTRY OF HENRY DE LEXINGTON—On October 10, at the same place and time, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and Foderby, on the nomination of the sub-

dean in his course, *Dom.* Humphrey Bradbery, pbr., was admitted and instituted to the other chantry for the soul of Henry Lexington, vacant by death of Richard Marston, and he took the oaths, etc.

ADMISSION OF ROGER POTT AS MESSENGER—On chapter-day October 16, the precentor, chancellor, Foderby and Pryn, being assembled chapter-wise and treating about the election of a messenger in the place of George Martyn who then and there laid down his office, at length after some discussion, with the assent and consent of the chapter, they chose Roger Pott as a [*Folio 100*] man sufficient and approved for the office, on condition that he should find security for his yearly account, Master Christopher Massyngberd, the precentor, expressly dissenting from this election, and singly (*una voce*) appealing to the bishop against it.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF ROBERT ARTHUR—On chapter-day, October 23, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Fotherby and Pryn, was proved the will of Robert Arthur, late of the Close of Lincoln, and administration was committed to Alice his relict and sole executrix, who was sworn in form of law.

CORRECTION OF JOHN WALKEWOOD, POOR CLERK—Mem : That on Saturday next before the Feast of St. Catherine, viz., on November 20, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean as president of the chapter, the precentor, chancellor, Foderby and Pryn, it was set forth by Master Litherland, then being keeper of the altar of St. Peter in the cathedral, that John Walkewood, one of the poor clerks, had entered the house of the said Mr. Litherland within the Close by night, and by playing at dice with one Richard Beneland, his servant, who had in his hands a certain sum of money handed to him by his master to pay a certain stranger, by false means had acquired that money, as he asserted in presence of the said John Walkewood, who confessed that he acquired the money, and altogether refused to restore it. And forasmuch as he did this contrary to the injunctions and statutes of the cathedral, and moreover with loaded (*obstupatis*) dice, and contumaciously refused to submit himself, they decreed that he should be deprived of the wearing of his habit for a while. At length on the next Saturday John Walkewood, having thought better of it (*meliori deliberacione ductus*) submitted to the ruling and decree of the chapter. He has, on oath, to say the penitential psalms kneeling at the time of matins in the middle of the choir, and to walk in procession among the choristers, and he is restored to his habit.

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY AT BURTON—*Dom.* Richard Caythwell, chaplain, was admitted to a chantry in the parish church of Burton by Lincoln, vacant by resignation of William Bande, on December 11, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Foderby and Pryn.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF MILTON ECCLESIA—At the same time, etc., the chapter received letters from the bishop, in virtue of which they admitted Master Thomas Bedyll, LL.B.,¹ to the canonry and

¹ Thomas Bedyll, LL.B., had held the prebend of South Scarle since 1518, and held Milton Ecclesia till his death in September, 1537. He was secretary to archbishop Warham till 1532, and then became chaplain to Henry VIII, and clerk of the privy council. He was much employed in the matter of the king's divorce and was an active agent in the tragedies of the monks of the Charterhouse and the friars of Sion, and in the suppression of other religious houses. He was archdeacon of London in 1533, and held numerous other preferments.

prebend of Milton Ecclesia, vacant by resignation [*Folio 100d.*] of Master Thomas Wynter. and assigned him the stall in choir and place in chapter-house belonging to the same, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, his lawfully constituted proctor, and inducted him into the real and corporal possession thereof, and his proctor took the oaths in his name as contained in the Black Book, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SCARLE—At the same time, etc., on the same authority they installed and inducted Master Thomas Hunt, M.A., to the canonry and prebend of Scarle, vacant by resignation of Thomas Beddyll, in the person of the said Mr. Henry Sapcotes, who took the oaths, etc.

LICENCE TO TREAT ABOUT A PENSION—On chapter-day, December 18, in the chapter-house, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Foderby, and Pryn, then and there assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, by their authority as ordinaries granted licence to *Dom.* William Adamson, cantarist of the chantry, called Wolff Chauntre, in the cathedral, to treat with any fit chaplain about a pension to be assigned to him by the ordinary out of the fruits and profits of the said chantry, reserving to themselves the taxation of the same.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF STOW LONGA—On the last day of December, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, and Pryn, on authority of the bishop's letters, Francis Gascone, *scholasticus*, was installed and inducted in the canonry and prebend of Stow Longa, vacant by death of Master Geoffrey Wharton, LL.D., in the person of Mr. Henry Sapcotes, his proctor, who took the oaths, etc.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF THOMAS EVENWOOD—On chapter-day, January 15, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Foderby, and Pryn, assembled chapter-wise, was proved the will of Thomas Evenwood, late of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close of Lincoln, and administration was committed to Agnes his relict and executrix, and to Gregory his son and executor, who were sworn in form of law.

COLLATION TO CHANTRY OF WILLIAM WOLFFE AND RICHARD STRETTON—On chapter-day, 4 February, 1529, *Dom.* William Adamson, cantarist of the chantry for the souls of William Wolffe and Richard Stretton, resigned the same into the hands of the [*Folio 101*] chapter, which resignation the sub-dean in his own name and that of his brethren admitted, and declared the said chantry to be vacant, and straightway they admitted *Dom.* John Hall, pbr., to the same, who took the oaths, etc.

LICENCE TO TREAT ABOUT AN ANNUAL PENSION—On March 5, in the chapter-house, the precentor, sub-dean, and Pryn being assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, at the petition of Master Christopher Massingberde, precentor, and rector of the church of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, by their authority as ordinaries then and there granted him licence to treat with any fit chaplain for an annual pension to be paid to him as rector out of the fruits and profits of the said church.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—At the same time, etc., Richard Elleson and Thomas Achyrche, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on

the Saturday of Ember week, examination having been first held by the chancellor according to custom.

PRESENTATION TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF GUMLEY—On March 12, *Dom.* Thomas Flowre, succentor of the cathedral, was presented to the parish church of Gomeley, vacant by death of Edward Smyth, and thereupon letters were issued under their common seal to the bishop or his vicar-general in spirituals.

LICENCE TO AGREE ABOUT AN ANNUAL PENSION—On March 13, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present Masters John Talbot, sub-dean, Christopher Massingberde, precentor, and John Pryn, canon-residentiary, the chapter at the petition of the said Mr. Christopher Massingberde, rector of the church of St. Mary Magdalene, granted him, besides their licence to treat about a pension out of the fruits and profits of the said church, further licence to come to an agreement. On this Mr. Massingberde made, read and handed in, in writing, his resignation of the said church, and the sub-dean in his own name and that of his brethren declared the church to be vacant.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE—On 16 March, at the door of the vestry, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, and John Pryn, Foderby then ministering in the choir, *Dom.* Robert Arnolde, pbr., on the nomination of Master [*Folio 101d.*] Christopher as in his course for this turn, was collated *intuitu caritatis* to the church of St. Mary Magdalene, vacant by resignation of the said Christopher Massingberde, the precentor, late rector, and admitted as rector on condition of well and faithfully paying to the said Christopher Massingberde an annual pension of 40s. for his life by equal portions at four terms of the year, viz., on the first days of August, September, [*sic*] February and May next, out of the fruits and profits of the church, assigned and limited by authority of the ordinary with the consent of those concerned, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oath of canonical obedience to the chapter.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—At the same time, etc., the chapter admitted Thomas Doughty, 16 years of age, to the number of poor clerks, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes and ordinances of the cathedral, and of the house of poor clerks.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BUCKDEN—On March 23, on authority of letters from the bishop, the chapter caused to be inducted, and inducted Master Richard Coren, S.T.B., into the vicarage of Buckden, vacant by death of *Dom.* Hugh Coren, and letters were written to all, etc., for his induction.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On March 28 Henry Gonester, 21 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths as above, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor and Pryn.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF THORNGATE—On 9 April, 1530, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor, Fotherby and Pryn, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Richard Coren, S.T.B., was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Thornegate, vacant by resignation of Master Richard

Mabbot, in the person of Mr. Henry Sapcotes, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor for this purpose, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the *Laudum* of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as in the Black Book is more fully contained.

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INSTITUTION TO THE DALDERBY CHANTRY IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Thomas Frere, pbr., was admitted to the chantry for the soul of Robert Dalderby in the church of St. Benedict in the suburb of the city of Lincoln, vacant by death of William Benne, on the presentation of the mayor and commonalty of the city, the patrons thereof, and was canonically instituted in the same, and [took the oath] of fostering and observing the foundation and rules of the said chantry to the utmost of his power.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On April 15 Edward Wylliamson, John Walkewoode, and Geoffrey Crystian, poor clerks, were presented to receive the Order of Acolyte on the Holy Saturday of Easter, examination being previously held by the chancellor.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF CORYNGHAM—On April 21, on authority of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* Richard Sawer, chaplain was inducted into the vicarage of the parochial or prebendal church of Coryngham, vacant by resignation of Robert Gibbon, and he took the oath of canonical obedience, and letters were written to all and singular for his induction.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On May 12, with the consent of the chapter, William Burde was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles, at the special desire of Lady Elizabeth Taylboys, of Golthay.¹

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF CHAPTER CLERK AFTER THE HOLDER'S DEATH—On May 14, the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, granted to Master Henry Sapcotes the office of chapter clerk and registrar after the death of Master Peter Effard, now clerk, with all fees, wages and profits in as ample a manner as any former holder of the offices has had them, and they decreed that letters patent thereof should be made and delivered to Mr. Henry Sapcotes, (saving the usual fees for sealing).

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF THOMAS BRIGGES—On May 29, in the choir, at parley after vespers, administration of the goods of Thomas Bryggys, of the parish of St. Mary Magdalene within the Close, who died intestate forasmuch as Alice his relict and the executrix named in his will refused to undertake the office, was committed to the said Alice and to John Welcom of Lincoln, who were sworn in form of law, and have to present an inventory, etc. ; present the sub-dean, precentor, and Pryn.

¹ Elizabeth, Lady Taylboys, was daughter of Sir William Gascoigne, kt., and wife of Sir George Taylboys, kt., of Kyme and Goltho, who died in 1538. She died in 1559, and the handsome monument of freestone, with many coats of arms, to the memory of her husband and herself, may still be seen against the south wall of the great south transept of the cathedral. She was the mother of Gilbert, created Baron Taylboys in 1536, who died the same year, and of William Taylboys, prebendary of Lincoln from 1542, and precentor 1546-50, who survived until 1577, and whose plain tombstone lies at the foot of his father's and mother's monument.

Folio 102d.

LETTERS PATENT FOR THE KEEPERSHIP OF BUCKDEN PARK—To all, etc.,—Greeting, etc. Know ye that we, John by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, for certain considerations specially moving us thereto, and for the good and faithful service done to us and to the cathedral by our beloved in Christ John Gostwyk, esquire, and John Potter, yeoman, have given, granted, made, ordained and constituted the said John Gostwyk and John Potter jointly and severally keepers of our park of Buckden, co. Hunt., and by these presents do make and constitute them and either of them keepers thereof. To have, occupy, and exercise the said office by themselves or by the longer liver of them, or by their sufficient deputy for whom they will be responsible to us, for their lives or for the life of the longer liver of them, receiving therefor two pence a day for the term of their lives out of the issues, profits and revenues of our manor and demesne of Buckden, at the hands of the tenant farmer or bailiff of the manor, or of the receiver-general of us or our successors for the time being, to be paid by equal portions at the feasts of Michaelmas and of the Annunciation. We give also and grant to the said John Gostwyk and John Potter and to their deputy yearly during their lives and the life of the longer liver of them pasture for one horse and two cows to be depastured in our park. In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated under our seal at our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 4 July, 1529, 21 Henry VIII.

Confirmation and ratification of the foregoing grant by the dean and chapter, in their chapter-house, 12 June, 1530.

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PROVISION FOR THE RECOVERY OF JEWELS TAKEN FROM THE CHAPEL OF THE B.V.M.—On chapter-day, 25 June, 1530, in the chapter-house, Masters Christopher Massingberd, precentor, Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor, Simon Grene *als.* Foderby and John Pryn, canons-residentiary, forming a chapter, as they asserted, treated for some time by what means certain jewels (*jocalia*) taken, as it is said, from the chapel in which the mass of the B.V.M. is daily celebrated, by Thomas Sewall, clerk and keeper of the said chapel, and sold by him to divers goldsmiths of the city of Lincoln, might be recovered and restored, viz. 4 silver basons (*pelves*), 2 silver candelabra, 2 phials of silver, and one silver bell (*tintinnabulum*). And after this treating they chose among themselves the precentor and chancellor, and gave them power of prosecuting the matter in the best way they could for the recovery of these jewels, only applying to the chapter from time to time for their sound advice.

DECREE FOR VISITATION OF THE CHAPELS—At the same time, etc., they decreed that all and singular the chapels in the cathedral should be visited by the president and provost and any other of the brethren who wished to take part (*interesse*) on Monday next after Nones (*post nonam*).

CONCERNING THE CANONICAL FARMS—Also on the same day, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the precentor, chancellor and Foderby reported themselves content with their canonical farms for the ensuing year, and Mr. John Pryn accepted the farm of Netilham as his farm for the next year.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF PETER DAVY—On June 28 was proved the will of Peter Davy, late of the Bail of Lincoln, 'bocher,' as follows :

In the name of God, amen. The iiijth day of Aprill, In the yere of our Lorde God m fyve hundreth thyrti, I Peter Davy of the paryshe of Mary Magdalene in the Bale of Lincoln, bocher, beyng seke in body, hole in mynde and of good remembraunce, make and orden this my last will and testament in thys maner and forme foloyng. First and principally I bequeth my soule unto Allmyghty God my creator, our lady Saynt Mary and all the blessyd company off heven, and my body to be buryed in the churche yerde of the sayd churche. And I bequeth to the high alter in the churche before-sayd for my tithys forgotten viij*d*. Item, to the churche warke of the Cathedrall churche of Lincoln viij*d*. Item, I bequeth to the Shomaker gilde viij*d*. Item, to the Clerk gilde, viij*d*. The Resydewe of my goods unbequethyd I gyff unto Helene my wyffe whome I orden and make my hole executrix, she to dispose them for the helth of my soule and all crysten soullys, as that she may be the better rewardyd of Allmyghty God. And I will that [*Folio 103d.*] John Broxholm of Carleton, and Hugh Riche of Lincoln, shomaker, be supervisors of thys my last Will and testament. Thes wytnessyng—Syr John Marshall, my gostly father, Richerd Smyth, Robert Warton, wyth other moy.

Proved before the sub-dean and chapter, the dean being absent, on 28 June, 1530, in the chapter-house, and administration committed to Helen, the relict and executrix of the deceased, who was sworn in form of law.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On chapter-day, July 2, in the chapter-house, Humfrey Cortyng, 17 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, in the presence of the sub-dean, Foderby, and Pryn, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes, etc.

GRANT OF A FARM AT GLENTHAM—On chapter-day, 9 July, 1530, in the chapter-house, present the precentor, sub-dean, Foderby and Pryn, they granted and unanimously decreed that Mr John Moneson and William Moneson his son should have the farm of Glenthams, which *Dom.* Thomas Hawe, vicar there, had, for a term of years contained in the indenture, any provision contained in the said indenture notwithstanding.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On July 10, at parley after vespers in the choir [*blank*] Gedlyng, [*blank*] years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, Foderby and Pryn.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN HENNEGE, SENR., OF HAYNTON, ESQ.—On July 26, at the door of the vestry, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor, and Pryn, was proved the will of Master John Hennege, late of Haynton, esq., as follows : In the name of God, Amen. I, John Hennege, of Haynton in the countie of Lincoln, th' older, esquier, beyng of hole mynde and of perfyte memorye, in the last day of Marche in the yere of our Lorde God m fyve hundreth thyrti and on yere [*sic*].¹ And

¹ The testator, John Heneage, of Hainton, esq., had died 31 March, 1530, aged 78, and his will was proved 26 July, 1530, though it is here erroneously dated 31 March, 1531. He had married Katherine, daughter of Thomas Wymbish, of Nocton, and a brass tablet to their memory still remains in the north chantry chapel of Hainton church where he desired to be buried. Of his three daughters he mentions only one, Margaret, the wife of Arthur Sandon, of Ashby by Partney, who was one of the witnesses. His four sons, all mentioned here, were—I. Sir Thomas Heneage, gentleman usher to Cardinal Wolsey, and later gentle-

in the xxi yere of the Reigne of our soverayn lorde kynge Henry the eight, orden and make thys my laste Will and testament in maner and forme foloyng. Firste, I bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, to our Lady Saynt Mary, [*Folio 104*] and to all the holy compeny of heven, And my body to be buried in the chapell of our Lady on the north side of the quere of and in the paryshe church of Haynton abovesayd. Also I bequethe to the high alter of the same church, as for tithys forgotten, ijs. Also to our Ladye of Lincoln ijs. Also to our Lady warkes ther, xxd. Item, I bequeth to Berkeworthe church, xxd. Item, to Esteryngton church, xxd.; to Syxill church, xxd.; to Long-Ludfurthe church, xxd.; and to Burgh church, xxd. Also I will that all my dettys be fyrste payd, and that all the Injuries and wrongys that I have committyd and done, and so by any person evidently provyd to and wyth my executors, that they evidently and immediately do make recompence and amendys for me in that behalffe as by theym shalbe thought most nedeful for my discharge, And also by my dede of feoffement mayd to John Constable, late deane of Lincoln and to other of my manor of Haynton wyth all other landys, tenements, rents, reversions, feldynges, closynges, pastures, mylnes and all other commodityes wyth and in the same towne of Haynton and the feldys of the same to the use and performance of my laste Wyll, I will that the sayd John Constable and other hys co-feoffes stande and be then seasyd to the use of Catheryne my wyffe duryng her lyffe, And aftyr her decease to the use of Thomas Hennege my sonne, and to the heyres males of hys body lawfully begotten, And for defawte of such heyres to the use of John Hennege my sonne and to his heyres, etc., yff that he, the sayd John Hennege or hys heyres recompence and gyff unto the sayd Thomas and to hys heyres other manors, landes and tenements to the yerly valewe of Fortye marks, wiche I willnot to be oonles my sonne Thomas Hennege be contentyd and agreable to the same, and theroff I hertely pray hym. Also I will that Robert my sonne and Luce hys wyffe have my capitall meas¹ wyth all other my landys and tenements, as well freholdys as copyholdys, lying and beyng wythin the townys and feldys of Tetney, Holton, and Humbreston to hym and to hys heyres for ever. Also I wyll that John Hennege and William Hennege, sonys to my sayd sonne John Hennege, have my closes and landys of Herwyke aftyr my decease. Also I will that my Wyffe have all my implements of housholde stuff, and thre hundreth schepe goyng in Haynton feldes duryng her lyffe, And after her decease suche as then shall remayn I will that Thomas my sonne and my sonne Robert do

man of the chamber and keeper of the privy purse to Henry VIII., by whom he was knighted 18 October, 1537, and from whom he received many grants of monastic lands. He died 21 August, 1553, aged 73: and an altar tomb with effigies of himself and his wife Katherine, daughter of Sir John Skipwyth, knt., who survived him until 1572, stands in the chancel of Hainton church. By her he had an only daughter Elizabeth, who married William, Lord Willoughby of Parham, so that the family estates descended in the line of his next brother. 2. John Heneage, who was prominent as a royal commissioner in the suppression of monasteries and the valuation of ecclesiastical benefices, and was associated with his brother the dean in the destruction of the shrines in the cathedral. He died, July, 1550, and with his wife Ann, daughter and heiress of Edward Cope, of Denshanger, is also commemorated by a monument in Hainton church. 3. George Heneage, dean of Lincoln, 1528-42, and afterwards archdeacon of Lincoln till his death in 1549, of whom we speak elsewhere. 4. Robert Heneage was of the city of Lincoln, but died in London in 1556. His son, another Sir Thomas Heneage, knt., was vice-chamberlain to queen Elizabeth, and died in 1595.

¹ *Meas*, = message.

devyde all the forsayd implements of housholde stuff and schepe wyth all other thynges wyth charite. Also I will that Thomas my sonne have sex oxen to hys drought; also on of my cheynes of golde. And my sonne Robert the other [*Folio 104d.*] cheyne of golde. Also I will that my sonne Deane of Lincoln have halffe my floke of schepe at Bynbroke, and my sonne Thomas the other halffe. Also I will that my dary at Strobbe and my ferme at Langton wyth all the commodities and profyts growyng upon ether of them stande and be for my yere obbite of four or fyve marks by yere. And the reste and Resydewe of the profyts of the same dary and ferme be to and for the fyndyng of a preste to syng in our Lady Chapell at Haynton duryng the tyme and space of my Indentures. Also I will that my doughtter Sandon's doughtters have every on of them Fyve marks sterlyng. Also I will that John Hennege and the Prior of Syxill have at every yere day taking the accompts and reconyng of the Vicare of Haynton of all suche landes and other profyts as shall yerely come and growe unto my Wyffe, eyther of them vjs. viiij*d.* And the Vicare for hys diligence to be takyn in that behalff I will and bequeth hym mete and drynke and xs. by yere. Also I will that Marflet my servaunte have a Store. Also I will that every on of my Sheperdys have ther wagys and vjs. viiij*d.* Also I will that the Vicar have from henseforth the all the tithe lambs, and also they to goy in the feldys of Haynton by my Will. The Resydewe of all my landys goodys and catallys not gyffyn nor bequethyd I gyff to Catheryne my wyffe, John Hennege and Robert Hennege my sonnys, and to Master Jamys Walles, the prior of Syxill, whome I make my executors, they to dispose for the welthe of my soule as by them shall be thought most convenient accordyng to thys my laste Will, as they shall answeare before God at the dredfull day of dome. Thes beyryng wytnes and beyng recordys :—George Hennege, the deane of Lincoln. John Hennege, esquier. Rawffe Bucketon, esquier. Arthure Sandon, gent. John Smyth the vicare of Haynton. Robert Chamberlayn, preste. Richerde Marflet, servyngman, wyth diverse other moy.

By these presents we, the sub-dean and chapter of Lincoln, the dean being absent, approve and allow the will of John Hennege, esq., of Haynton, in our jurisdiction, deceased, annexed to these presents, as exhibited and proved before us on 26 July, 1530, and we commit the administration of his goods within our jurisdiction to his sons John Hennege and Robert Hennege, the executors named therein, reserving to ourselves and our successors power to commit like administration to Catherine, relict of the deceased, and to James Wallas,¹ prior of Syxill, also named executors therein, when they shall come in form of law to take such office upon them. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal.

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INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON PAYNESHALL—On chapter-day, July 30, in the chapter-house, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master John Hawke, [s.] T.B., was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Welton Payneshall, vacant by death of Master Thomas Thewe, in the person of Mr. Henry Sapcotes,

¹ James Wallas, or Wales, was the last prior of the Gilbertine house of Sixhill, which he and seven canons surrendered to Dr. William Petre on 27 September, 1538. The prior received a pension of £20, and the priory, valued at £168, was granted to Sir Thomas Heneage.

notary public, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book ; present the sub-dean, precentor and Pryn.

ADMISSION TO A CHANTRY AT BURTON—On chapter-day, August 6, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, precentor, Foderby and Pryn, *Dom.* Richard Tathwell, chaplain of one of the chantries in the parish church of Burton by Lincoln, appeared in person and made, read and handed in, in writing, his resignation of the said chantry, which the sub-dean in the place and name of his brethren admitted, and declared the chantry to be vacant. And forthwith *Dom.* Thomas Walker was admitted to it by the chapter and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of the observance of the foundation thereof.

WILL OF THOMAS FOX, OF SCREDINGTON—On August 9, before the sub-dean and chapter, was proved the will of Thomas Fox, of Scredyngton, in their jurisdiction, as follows : In the name of God, Amen. The xxxth day of July, the yere of our Lorde God m fyve hundreth xxx^{iv}, I, Thomas Fox, of hole mynde and of good remembraunce make my will and last testament in thys manner her foloyng. Fyrst, I bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, and to our lady Saynt Mary, and to all the saynts in heven, and my body to be buried in the churche yerde of Saynt Andrewe of Scredyngton. Also I bequeth to the high alter xij*d.*, to our Lady alter viij*d.*, to our Lady of Lincolne iiij*d.* Also I gyff to our Lady warkes iiij*d.* Also I bequeth to the pore chyldren of Saynt Catheryns of Lincoln iiij*d.* Also I gyff to Margaret Arnolde, one fechyd qwe. The Resydewe of my goods not bequethyd, after my dettes be payd, I gyff unto Helene my wyff. And yff it be so that she departe after me, then I will that Robert Greg and John Fox, the wiche I make my executors, to have my goods [*Folio 105d.*] and to pay my dettys, and to dispose them for my soule and herse. And the sayd Robert Greg to have for hys labor iij*s.* iiij*d.* Wytnes herof—sir John Gyldyn, John Greg, and Thomas Arnall, wyth other moy.

Proved before the sub-dean and chapter, the dean being absent, on 9 August, 1530, at Lincoln, and administration committed to the executors above named, who were sworn in form of law under the common seal.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CROPEREDY—On August 10, at the door of the vestry, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor and Pryn, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Richard Wolman, doctor of decrees, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Croperedy, vacant by death of Master John Foxe, in the person of William Jenyns, literate, his proctor, who took the oaths, etc.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On chapter-day, August 20, the sub-dean, precentor, Foderby and Pryn, being assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter at the usual hour, unanimously chose the sub-dean and precentor as auditors of the account of the common for the present year, the precentor however saying that if the chancellor was able and wished to exercise the office he should have it as it belonged to him in course of seniority.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF ASHBY PUERORUM—Mem : That on 23 August, 1530, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Robert Glover, pbr., was presented to the bishop for the vicarage of Ashby Puerorum, on the nomination of Master Nicholas Bradbrige the chancellor, then made in his name to the chapter by Master John Pryn, by reason of his office as master of the choristers for this year, and letters of presentation were issued under seal.

PROTESTATION OF MAJOR RESIDENCE BY MR GEORGE HENAGE, DEAN —[*Folio 106*] On chapter-day, 3 September, 1530, in the chapter-house, before Masters Christopher Massingberde, precentor, Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, and John Pryn, canons residentiary, assembled chapter-wise, as then appeared, and forming a chapter, Master George Henage, dean of the said cathedral, and canon and prebendary of Bikellswade in the same, then and there made, read, and handed in a protestation of his canonical residence to be made in the next year, in these words : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, my brethren, here assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, I George Henage, dean of this church of Lincoln, canon and prebendary of Bikelleswade in the same, do protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings, that it is my intention in next year and thenceforth, *annuente Deo*, to commence my major canonical residence in the said church for my canonry and prebend, and to complete it according to all the force, effect and custom anciently in use and observed in the said church : and I protest also that I wish and intend to correct and amend this my present protestation, and to reduce it to more competent form if and as far as it be needful and requisite, and also as far as need be to add to and detract from it at suitable time and place. And I pray you my brethren, one and all that you would deign to be with me in my canonical lodging in the breaking of bread on the Monday after the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin next *pro amore Dei et intuitu caritatis.* This protestation the canons residentiary forming the chapter unanimously received and accepted, one hundred marks of lawful money of England having been first paid by the dean on the green cloth (*super viridem panum*) in the chapter-house for his entry, in the presence of Mr. Thomas Lyllilowe, bachelor of decrees, and Richard Bevercotes, receiver of the common, and of me Peter Effard, notary and chapter-clerk.

WILL OF THOMAS COMBRETON, OF SKILLINGTON—On 14 September, 1530, before the sub-dean and chapter was proved the will of Thomas Combreton, late of Skillyngton, in the jurisdiction of the chapter, as follows :—*In Dei nomine, Amen.* The fyfte day of the moneth of June, The yere of our Lorde God, M, fyve hundreth xxxty, I Thomas Combreton, of Skillyngton, in the countie of Lincoln, husbandman, hole of mynde and seke of body, makyth my last will and testament in thys manner foloyng. First, I bequeth my soule to God Allmyghty, and to our blessyd Lady Saynt Mary, and to all the holy saynts in heven, And my body to be buried in the church yeerde of Saynt Andrew of Skillyngton aforesayd. Also I bequeth to our mother church of Lincoln *iiijd.*, and to our Lady warke ther *iiijd.* ; Also to our Lady in Skillyngton church *xijd.* Also I bequeth to Margaret my wyff all my housholde stufte within the house, excepte ij brasse pottys, one to Richerde my sone, and the other to Thomas my sone. Also [*Folio 106d.*] I wyll that

a priste syng or say halffe a trentall for my soule, and he to have for hys labor vs, to be done at the syght of my gostly father. Also I orden and make Margaret my wyffe, Richerde and Thomas my sonnys to be my trew executors, and my wyffe to have halfe of all my goodys owtwarde anenste [*sic*] the sayd Richerd and Thomas, and they to have the other halffe equally to be devyd among them. And also I wyll my gostly father for the performance herof trewly to be done, I do make hym supervisor therupon, and he to have for hys labor ijs. viij*d*. And all other dewtes accordyng to the kynges statutes or actes mayd or done. The day and yere aforesayd wyth thes wytnesses,—syr Geoffrey Wyllughby my gostely father, Stephen Chapman, William Geny, and Richerd Hunton, wyth other moy.

Proved before the sub-dean and chapter at Lincoln on 14 September, 1530, and administration committed to Margaret the relict, and Richerd the son, of the deceased, the executors before-named, who were sworn in form of law, power being reserved for Thomas Combreton, son and co-executor, yet being in his youth.

Folio 107.

NINTH YEAR OF MR. PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 19 September, 1530, in the 9th year of office of Master Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk.

PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE BY NICHOLAS BRADBRIGE, CHANCELLOR—On Monday, 19 September, 1530, in the chapter-house, Master Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor and canon-residentiary and prebendary of Stoke, being present in person, made, read, and handed in in writing, a certain protestation before Masters George Henage, dean, Christopher Massyngberde, precentor, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Fotherby and John Pryn, canons-residentiary, forming a chapter, in these words :—*In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, my venerable brethren, the dean and canons-residentiary of this cathedral here present and assembled chapter-wise, I, Nicholas Bradbrige, chancellor of this cathedral, and canon and prebendary of Stoke in the same, being in my major residence as canon, which for eighteen years I have duly fulfilled, do say, allege, and in these writings propound that I intend and will, as far as I conveniently can, further to make and perform my major residence for the next year. And if it happen that I am so hindered as not to be able to fulfil such major residence according to the approved custom of the church, then I protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings that I will and intend, in the next year and in other years in which I may be lawfully hindered, to make and perform minor residence according to the custom of the church at this time in use, the causes of which my minor residence I propound and show you as follows, viz. on account of the weakness of my body and the pain in my limbs proceeding from my grievous complaint of palsy (*paralysis*) and other urgent and legitimate causes reasonably moving me and my conscience thereto. I protest further that by this protestation of minor residence I do not wish nor intend in any way to derogate from making my major residence in the next

year, and so from year to year, *Deo dante*, but that this my major residence may be always safe, free, and entire for me when I shall be able to perform it, and to return to and continue it, and that I may [*Folio 107d.*] stand in the same state, degree, and age of residence in which I now am, when I shall see a fitting time, the fore-going protestation of minor residence notwithstanding. And I protest that it is my will to correct, amend, change, and explain the premisses, when it shall seem to me expedient, always reserving to myself the remedies of law. This protestation, so read, the dean and chapter, at the petition of the chancellor, unanimously admitted to take effect (*valituram*) as if it had been made before the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross then past, and accounted it sufficient, in the presence, besides the said dean and chapter, of Richard Bevercotes, clerk of the common, and of me Peter Effard, notary public and chapter-clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—Then at the same time, etc., in the presence of the said dean and chapter, account was rendered of the common fund for the preceding year. This being done, after some treating among themselves as to the election of a provost for the ensuing year since Master Nicholas Bradbrige, the chancellor, to whose turn according to custom it fell, being hindered by his notorious bodily infirmity, was unable properly to discharge the office, they unanimously chose Master Christopher Massingberde, the precentor as next in order after the chancellor, to be provost for the next year, and moreover they decreed that if the said Mr. Nicholas Bradbrige should so far have recovered as to be able effectually to fulfil the office in another year, he should then enjoy it as in his turn.

Subsequently they chose Masters John Talbot as senior, and John Pryn as junior, masters of the Works; Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby as keeper and supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghershe; Master John Pryn, as supervisor of the house of choristers, and Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, as supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh, all for the ensuing year.

Folio 108.

RELEASE OF £6 OF THE ANNUITY GRANTED TO MR. RICHARD PARKER—On October 22, in the chapter-house, before Masters George Henage, dean, Christopher Massyngberde, precentor, John Talbot, sub-dean, and John Pryn, canon-residentiary, forming a chapter, Master Simon Foderby then ministering at the high altar, Master Richard Parker, treasurer and prebendary of Stowe, petitioned and required that a certain annuity of £16, granted to him by the said chapter, should be paid and delivered to him for the year just past. To whom the chapter made answer that whereas this grant greatly affected the state of the church and notoriously tended to the diminution of divine service, and the bishop opposed and still opposes its payment because it was issued without his consent, and has wished and commanded the chapter so to oppose it,—Therefore the chapter unanimously opposed the payment in any way and expressly refused it. At length after some discussion amicably held between the members of the chapter and the treasurer, the treasurer freely and of his own accord remitted and released to the chapter and their successors £6 of the said annuity for ever, and for himself, his heirs and executors acquitted them thereof, on this condition however that sufficient provision be made for the payment to him of

the £10 yearly at Hameldon, co. Rutland, by consent of the chapter, and also that the said annuity of £16 be paid to him entire for the year past. Moreover the said Mr. Richard Parker promised then and there that if at any time afterwards Mr. Edward Darby, archdeacon of Stowe, should be willing to remit and release his annuity of £16, in like manner granted to him by the chapter, to a less amount than £10, & shall have done so in effect, he also will in likewise release and equalize his annuity of £10 to that of Mr. Edward Darby, thus released and diminished, and will acquit the dean and chapter and their successors at all times of all the residue of the said annuity above the said diminished amount. Present then and there the aforesaid members of the chapter, Richard Bevercotes clerk of the common, and myself Peter Effard, chapter-clerk and scribe.

CONFIRMATION OF THE CUSTODY OF THE MANOR OF NETILHAM—On chapter-day, October 28, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, sub-dean, and Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, canon residentiary, (Master John Pryn being absent without the city,) then forming a chapter, appeared in person Richard Bevercotes, on whom, as he asserted and on Master John Browne, and the longer liver of them, the bishop had lately conferred the office of keeper of his manor of Netilham, by his letters-patent sealed with his seal, and he urgently prayed the confirmation of them by the chapter, which they then and there unanimously granted, saving the due and customary fees.

Folio 108d.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—On 3 December, 1530, in the choir, at parley after vespers, on the nomination and presentation of the precentor by reason of his dignity, John Marshe was admitted to the number of choristers, in the presence of the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Pryn.

MANUMISSION OF JOHN MARTYN OF SPALDWYK—To all, etc., John, bishop of Lincoln, Greeting. Whereas from the beginning nature made all men free, and afterwards the law of nations placed some of them under the yoke of servitude, we believe it to be a pious and meritorious act before God and men to restore them to their pristine liberty, Know ye therefore that we, on account of the honesty of John Martyn, son of Thomas Martyn, late of Spaldewyk, deceased, and the singular affection and good will which he has borne in times past, and still bears, towards us and our church of Lincoln, have manumitted the said John Martyn, and made him free from all yoke of servitude, so that neither we, nor our successors, nor any other in our or their names, shall be able in future by reason of any villenage or servitude to make or exercise any right, claim, or demand over the said John Martyn, nor over the boys lawfully begotten, or to be begotten of him, but we free and release the said John Martyn and his progeny, begotten, or to be begotten in lawful matrimony from all yoke of servitude and villenage. On condition that he and his sons shall do or attempt nothing prejudicial or injurious to us and our successors, or to our cathedral church of Lincoln, but by counsel, word, deed, and all other means shall be faithful, favorable and helpful to the same. In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be affixed hereto. Dated 2 September, 1530, the 10th of our consecration.

Confirmation of the fore-going manumission by George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, provided always that the said John Martyn and his progeny conduct themselves well, and do nothing that

may turn to the prejudice or damage of themselves or their successors, or of the rights of the church of Lincoln in future. Sealed, and dated in their chapter-house, 19 December, 1530.

Folio 109.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF SPALDWYK—On 5 January, 1530, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Stephen Myrffyn, pbr., on authority of letters from the bishop, was inducted into the vicarage of Spaldwyk, dioc. Lincoln, vacant by death of last incumbent, and letters were written to all and singular for his induction, present the sub-dean, precentor, and Pryn.

WILL OF THOMAS LYTTYLL OF THE CLOSE—On January 21 was proved the will of Thomas Lyttyll, late of the Close of Lincoln, as follows: In the name of God, Amen. The xxviith day of the monethe of May, In the yere of our Lorde God a Thowsande fyve hundrethe and thurty, I Thomas Lyttyll of the paryshe of Saynt Margarete within the Close of Lincoln, hole of mynde and good remembraunce, makyth my testament and last Will in thys maner and forme foloyng. Firste, I bequeth my soule to Allmyghty God, to our lady Saynt Mary, and to all the gloriose compeny in heven, and my body to be buried within the churche of Saynt Margaret aforesayd. Also I bequeth to the sayd churche for my buryall there vjs. viij^d. Also I bequethe to the curate for the mayntenaunce of God service there, and to be prayd for, my beste gowne. Also I will that one trentall of Messys be done for my soule as shortly after my departyng from thys world as may be done conveniently. Also I gyff and bequethe to my sone John Lyttyll xiijs. iiij^d., one pare of quernys,¹ and a furred jaket. Also to John Lyttyll and Thomas Lyttyll, sonnys to my sayd sone John Lyttyll, to ether of them too quarters of malte. Also to the paryshe churche off Fillyngham one quarter of malte. Also to our Lady wark xij^d., and to Saynt Hugh hede within the cathedrall churche of Lincoln iiij^d. The Resydewe of my goodys not bequethyd I gyff and bequethe to Margaret my wyffe for to dispose them as she shall thynke most expedyent to the pleasure of Allmyghty God and to the helthe of my soule, whome I make full executrix of thys my testament and last will. And also I will that sir John Coke and sir Robert Perciville, pristes, be supervisors, and every one of them to have for ther labor iijs. iiij^d. Thes men beyng wytnes, Richerde Landesdale and Thomas Hansworth of Lincoln wyth others.

Proved before the dean and chapter in the chapter-house of Lincoln on 21 January, 1530, and administration committed to the before-named executrix, who was sworn in form of law, and their common seal affixed.

PRESENTATION TO THE CHURCH OF TANSORE—On February 17, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby, and Pryn, assembled at the door of the vestries, granted in common the presentation to the church of Tansore, vacant by resignation of Richard Say, last rector, to *Dom.* William Pollarde, chaplain, and the presentation was issued in writing in customary form.

Folio 109d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF THAME—On March 23, at the door of the vestry, in the presence of the precentor, sub-dean, and Pryn,

¹ *Quern*,—a stone hand-mill for grinding grain.

on authority of letters-patent from the bishop, Master John Rayn, doctor of either law, was installed and inducted in the canonry and prebend of Thame, vacant by death of Master Richard Mawdeley, in customary form, in the person of Master John Pryn, who as his proctor took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO THE HARYNGTON CHANTRY, IN HARYNGTON CHURCH—On March 29, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, and Pryn, being assembled chapter-wise, admitted *Dom.* Robert Smyth, pbr., to the chantry called Haryngton chauntry, founded in Haryngton church, vacant by death of Thomas Wilkinson, last cantarist, on the presentation of *Dom.* Thomas Peper, executor of *Dom.* Leonerd Peper, late vicar-choral of the cathedral, deceased, patron for this turn by reason of his executorship on pretext of a grant of the advowson made to him by the dean and chapter, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths, etc.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LEICESTER—On the last day of March, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Stephen Gardyner,¹ doctor of either law, was installed in the archdeaconry of Leicester, vacant by death of Master Richard Mawdeley, and canonically inducted in the same, in the person of "Religiosi viri" brother Robert Hologate,² prior of St. Catherine by Lincoln, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

DECREE FOR THE DAILY CELEBRATION OF MASSES IN THE CATHEDRAL—On 1 April, 1531, in the chapter-house, Masters George Henage, dean, Christopher Massynghberd, precentor, John Talbot, sub-dean, and John Pryn, canons residentiary, (Master Simon Foderby then ministering at the high altar) being assembled chapter-wise and forming [*Folio 110*] a chapter, and wishing and aiming that masses should be celebrated in the cathedral successively and continuously from the striking of the fifth hour (*ab hora quinta signata*) to the eleventh, every day except on Good Friday, lest by their want of care strangers and others coming together to hear masses there, being baulked (*destituti*) of their wholesome purpose, should be moved to turn aside to other inferior churches, they appointed, decreed and ordained unanimously that the under-written chaplains then holding chantries in the cathedral, and their successors, should (*debeant*) celebrate masses daily, or at least as frequently as possible, *salva eorum honestate et debita devocione*, at the hours, times and places fixed below, if and so far as these are not contrary to the foundations of their chantries.

Imprimis, at 5 o'clock and thence to 6 o'clock.—*Dom.* Robert Vincent,

¹ This was the well-known Stephen Gardiner, bishop of Winchester. He only held the archdeaconry for a few months before he was promoted to the bishopric. He does not appear to have held a prebend, or to have been otherwise connected with Lincoln.

² Robert Hologate, who at this time was prior of St. Katharine's without Lincoln, was shortly after made by Henry VIII. Master of Sempringham in order to facilitate the surrender of the houses of the Gilbertine Order. Later he became President of the Council of the North, and in 1545 archbishop of York. He married in 1549, and consequently was deprived on the accession of Queen Mary in 1554, and died in November, 1555.

cantartist of the Works chantry, morning mass at the altar of St. George. Then one of the chaplains of the Burgherse chantry at the altar of St. Catherine. Lastly, one of the chaplains of the Works chantry at the altar of St. Anne, shall celebrate successively and continuously.¹

At 6 o'clock, and thence to 7 o'clock.—Imprimis. One of the chaplains of the chantry of John Gynwell, at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene; one of the chaplains of the chantry of Henry Lexington, at the altar of St. John the Evangelist; the chaplain of John Crosby's chantry, at the altar of St. George; one of the chaplains of Hugh Walmesforthe's chantry, at the altar of St. Giles; and the chaplain of John Buckingham's chantry, at the altar of St. Hugh, shall celebrate successively and continuously, as premised.

At 7 o'clock, and thence to eight.—Imprimis. The chaplain of Hugh Welles' chantry, at Peel altar; one of the chaplains of Cantilupe chantry, at the altar of St. Nicholas; one of the chaplains of Robert Flemmyng's chantry, at the altar of the Holy Trinity; the other chaplain of John Gynwell's chantry, at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene; the other chaplain of Cantilupe chantry, at the altar of St. Nicholas; one of the chaplains of Catherine Swyneforde's chantry, at the altar "de le Irons," as premised.

Folio 110d.

At eight o'clock, and thence to nine.—Imprimis. One of the chaplains of Ravenser chantry, at the altar of St. Giles; the chaplain of William Caux's chantry, at the altar of St. Michael; the chaplain of William Smyth's chantry, at the altar of St. Sebastian; the chaplain of William Wolfe's chantry, at the altar of St. Catherine; the other chaplain of Ravenser chantry, at the altar of St. Giles; the other chaplain of Richard [sic] Flemmyng's chantry, at the altar of the Holy Trinity, as premised.

Item. All vicars having chantries in the cathedral, and disposed to celebrate, shall celebrate at the same hour in the places of their chantries.²

At nine o'clock and thence to ten.—Imprimis. The chaplain of Thomas Alforde's chantry, at the altar of St. Christopher; the chaplain of Thomas Whytwell's chantry, at the altar of St. Stephen; the other chaplain of Henry Lexington's chantry, at the altar of St. John the Evangelist; the chaplain of Collynson's and Chadworth's chantry, at the altar of the Holy Trinity, as premised.

Also the chaplain of Henry Edenstowe's chantry shall celebrate at

¹ This time-table of the hours and altars at which the masses of the different chantry priests were to be celebrated has been printed by Canon Maddison in his *Vicars Choral*, pp. 40-3, and is summarised and commented on in Bradshaw & Wordsworth's *Cathedral Statutes*, II, CCLXV.

² "Evidently intended to prevent their duties as chantry priests coming into collision with their duties as vicars of the cathedral, where they had to keep their canonical hours. A certain number of chantries by the terms of their foundations were served by priest-vicars." Of these Canon Maddison enumerates, 1. The chantry of Edward II and queen Isabella, at the altar of St. Mary. 2. The chantry of William de Tornaco, at the altar where the mass of the Virgin is said *primâ horâ*. 3. The chantry of William and Robert de Aveton, at St. Andrew's altar. 4. The Beningsworth chantry for two chaplains, at St. John the Evangelist's altar. 5. The chantry of Robert and John de Lacy [at the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr]. 6. The chantry of Lacy, Rowell, and de Luda, for three vicars, at the altar of St. Mary Magdalene. 7. The Wynhecumbe chantry, at the altar of St. John Baptist. 8. The chantry of Gilbert de Cancia, at the altar of St. Thomas the Martyr. 9. The chantry of Geoffry Pollard, at the altar of St. Andrew. 10. The chantry of bishop Hugh de Welles, at the altar of St. Hugh. Maddison, *Vicars-Choral*, pp. 42-43.

the same hour at the altar where the mass of the B.V.M. is daily celebrated, when that is finished.

At ten o'clock and thence to eleven.—Imprimis. One of the chaplains of the Works chantry, at the altar of St. Anne ; the chaplain of the lord John Russell's chantry, at the altar of St. Blaise ; the chaplain of Richard Faldyngworth's chantry, at the altar of St. Giles, as premised.

Also after the gospel of the Great (*magne*) mass¹ one of the chaplains of the Burghersh chantry shall celebrate daily at the altar of St. Catherine.

This statute, decree and ordinance so made, as premised, the aforesaid chantry-priests, one and all, appearing personally before the chapter, ratified and accepted with thanks, and expressed their obedience to the same, and promised to observe them to the utmost of their power. These all were done and passed, as above-written, in the year, day, and place aforesaid, in the presence of the above-named members of the chapter and chantry-priests, and of Richard Bevercotes, clerk of the common, and of me Peter Effard, notary public and chapter-clerk.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On April 6 Edward Williamson and Geoffrey Crystians, poor clerks, and acolytes, were presented to receive the order of the sub-diaconate on the Holy Saturday of Easter, examination being first held by Masters Christopher Massyngberde, the precentor, and John Pryn, canon-residentiary, the chancellor being then absent out of the city.

Folio III.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR TO JOHN FRANKISHE, &c.—To all, etc. John, bishop of Lincoln,—Greeting. Know ye that for the good and laudable service done in many ways to us and to the church of Lincoln by our beloved servants John Frankyshe, notary public, and John Pate, gent., we have given, granted, and by this writing confirmed, to them and to the longer liver of them, the office of registrar and the custody of the registers and archives of us and our successors, bishops of Lincoln, and we have constituted and deputed them as our registrars and scribes of the acts of us and our successors, as also receivers-general of the profits, issues, emoluments, proceeding from the office of registrar to us and our successors, to have, exercise, and fulfil the said offices by themselves or by their sufficient deputy for the term of their lives, or of the life of the longer liver of them, receiving all and singular the wages, fees, rights and emoluments due of old time and customary to the said offices, and to each of them yearly one robe of the suit of our gentlemen in as ample a mode and form as any others in the time past have had and received for the said offices. Providing always that for all and singular such wages, fees, etc., they shall render a full, clear, and faithful account to us and our successors, and to our and their officials deputed from year to year for this purpose, and shall answer faithfully for the same. Saving always to them, and to the longer liver of them, all and singular the wages, fees and other emoluments due and customary to the said offices, as is expressed above. In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated at our manor of Wooburne, 12 November, 1530, the tenth of our Consecration.

¹ "Like chapter mass at St. Peter's altar, the celebration of the great or high mass at the high altar is here assumed ; only its gospel is casually mentioned to mark the time for one of the Burghersh chaplains to begin his chantry mass." Bradshaw & Wordsworth, *Cathedral Statutes*, ii, cclxix.

And we, the dean and chapter of Lincoln, considering the good service done and, as we hope, to be done by the said John Frankyshe, notary public, and John Pate, gent., do for ourselves and our successors [*Folio 111d.*] approve, ratify and by these presents confirm the aforesaid grants. In witness whereof our common seal is hereto appended. Dated in our chapter-house, 6 April, 1531.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BRAMPTON—On April 6, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, John Hawkes, s.t.b., was installed in the canonry and prebend of Brampton, vacant by resignation of Master John Rayne, and was canonically inducted in the same, in the person of Mr. Henry Sapcotes, notary public, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the *Laudum*, as is contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON PAYNESHALL—At the same time, etc., in the presence of the same, Master Richard Coren, s.t.b., was similarly installed in the canonry and prebend of Welton Payneshall, vacant by resignation of Mr. John Hawkes, in the person of the said Mr. Henry Sapcotes.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF HEYDOR—On April 7, on authority of the bishop's letters directed to the dean and chapter, they decreed that *Dom.* Thomas Johnson, who appeared in person, should be inducted into the corporal and actual possession of the vicarage of the prebendal church of Heydor and Walton, vacant by death of the last incumbent, and they wrote to all and singular, as customary in like cases.

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GRANT OF THE NEXT PRESENTATION TO THE PREBEND OF CASTRE—To all, etc. John, bishop of Lincoln,—Greeting, grace and benediction. Know ye that we, out of our certain knowledge and deliberation, have given, granted, and by these presents have confirmed, to the very noble and potent lord, Thomas Bullen, Earl of Wiltes and Ormund,¹ and to Richard Pate, archdeacon of Lincoln, Richard Barker of Cheswyk, co. Middelsex, and John Barker of Okyngham, co. Berks., and to their assigns jointly, and to each of them severally and wholly (*insolide*) the first and next nomination to the canonry and prebend of Castre in the cathedral church of Lincoln, and the right of nominating thereto whensoever by death, resignation, cession, dimission, deprivation or exchange, or any other means it shall have become vacant for the first and next time only after the date of these presents. So that it shall be lawful for the said Thomas Bullen, etc., to nominate any fit clerk freely and lawfully to the said canonry and prebend for that one next vacancy only, and we will admit such fit clerk, whom the fore-named Thomas, Earl of Wiltes, and the rest or any of them shall nominate, and will confer the said canonry and prebend of Castre on the first and next vacancy on the clerk so nominated by them, the institution of the clerk so nominated

¹ Sir Thomas Boleyn, kt., father of Ann Boleyn, was created Viscount Rochford in 1525, and Earl of Wiltshire and Ormond 8 Dec., 1529. He here obtained the next presentation to the prebend of Caistor, and a further grant of the presentation to the prebend of Aylesbury in Feb., 1533-4. He did not live however to present to either, as he died 13 March, 1539, and there is no mention of him or of his fellow grantees in the next installations, to Aylesbury, 3 Sept., 1539, or to Caistor, 4 March, 1540.

and the right of conferring the said canonry and prebend after that first vacancy, when and as often as it shall become vacant, being reserved to us and our successors. Dated under our seal at our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 15 March, 1530, the tenth of our consecration.

And we, George Henage, bachelor of decrees, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, as far as to us belongs and by law we can, do approve and ratify, and by these presents confirm the above-recited grant of nomination on the next vacancy to the canonry and prebend of Castre made by the bishop to Thomas Bullen, Earl of Wiltes, and the others, as in the bishop's letters hereto annexed is more fully contained, [*Folio 112d.*] saving always the king's right and prerogative. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal to these presents. Dated in our chapter-house, 8 April, 1531.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF THORNEGATE—On May 3, in the choir, at parley after vespers, present then and there the dean, precentor, Fotherby and Pryn, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Thomas Lyllylowe, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Thornegate, vacant by resignation of Mr. Richard Coren, and canonically inducted in the same, in the person of Master Henry Cokkes, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BYNBROK [St.] GABRIEL—On 25 May, on authority of letters from the bishop, directed to the dean and chapter, they decreed that *Dom.* John Wryght, clerk, should be inducted into the vicarage of the parish church of St. Gabriel of Bynbroke, vacant by death, and letters for his induction were written to all and singular under their jurisdiction, as customary in like cases.

BOND OF THE DEAN AND CHAPTER FOR THE SUBSIDY FROM BENEFICES WITHOUT THE DIOCESE—Mem: That on May 26 the dean and chapter bound themselves under the common seal in one hundred pounds to be paid to Brian Tuke, knt., treasurer of the king's chamber, Christopher Hayles, attorney-general, and Baldwin Malet, the king's solicitor, for the king's use on the feast of St. Bartholomew the apostle next, with the condition more fully contained in the Acts of Parliament of 23 Henry VIII.¹

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY AT BURTON—On May 27, at the door of the vestry, *Dom.* Robert Norton, pbr., was admitted in common and not by turn to one of the chantries in Burton parish church, vacant by resignation of Thomas Walker, and he took the oath of canonical obedience and observance of the foundation of the chantry to the utmost of his power, in the presence of the dean, precentor and Pryn.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR OF THE SECOND FORM—On May 28, in the choir, at parley after vespers, William Whallay was admitted to the number of vicars of the second form, and took the oath of canonical obedience, etc., as contained in the Black Book; present, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby, and Pryn.

¹ The Acts of Parliament, 1531-2, by which the clergy were declared to have incurred the penalties of *Præmunire* by accepting the legatine authority of Cardinal Wolsey, which the king himself had authorized, for which they were forced to purchase the royal pardon by a subsidy of no less than £118884.

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PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On May 29, in the choir, at parley after vespers, it was decreed that letters of presentation for orders on the Saturday in Ember week, viz. on June 3, should be made for Roger Ellys and William Whallay, vicars of the second form, Ellys for the order of the presbyterate, Whallay for that of acolyte, also for Edward Williamson and Geoffry Crystians, poor clerks, for the diaconate.

CONCERNING THE CANONICAL FARMS OF THE RESIDENTIARIES—On chapter-day, July 1, in the chapter-house, Masters George Henage, dean, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Foderby, S.T.P., and John Pryn, D.D., the canons then in major residence, being assembled chapter-wise, (Master Christopher Massyngberde, the precentor, being then without the city,) treated of and discussed the subject of their canonical farms for the next year according to custom, and at length after such treaty and discussion it pleased them to be content with the farms heretofore held by them, except the dean, who this year began his major residence, and Master John Pryn, who being senior to the dean in residence accepted Scredyngton as his canonical farm for the following year, and the dean being later in the residence accepted Haynton.

ADMISSION OF ROBERT PERCIVALL TO KEEPERSHIP OF THE HIGH ALTAR—On 24 July, 1531, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Foderby, and Pryn, then and there assembled, unanimously admitted in common *Dom.* Robert Percivall, chaplain of the chantry of Master Hugh Walmesforthe in the cathedral, to the keepership of the high altar, vacant by death of Master William Sherpe, and he took then and there the oath on the holy gospels to exercise the said office well and faithfully according to the manner of past time and the laudable custom of the church.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD WHYTWELL—On chapter-day, July 29, in the chapter-house, the precentor, sub-dean, Foderby and Pryn, being there assembled and forming a chapter (the dean being then absent out of the city,) the said Master Simon Foderby, as in his course, nominated *Dom.* Anthony Colton, pbr., to the chantry of Richard Whytewell at the altar of St. Stephen in the cathedral, vacant by the death of Master William Sherpe, and the members of the chapter then and there admitted his nomination. And afterwards on the same day, after vespers, they admitted him in the form following,—George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln cathedral, to our beloved in Christ *Dom.* Anthony Colton, pbr., Greeting in the Lord : The perpetual chantry in the chapel of St. Stephen in the cathedral founded for the soul of Richard Whytwell, vacant [*Folio 113d.*] by death of Master William Sherpe, and belonging in full right to our collation according to its foundation, we confer on you, *intuitu caritatis*, and we institute you perpetual chaplain in the manner, form, and condition under-written, viz. on your oath that you shall collect yearly as far as you can, and receive all the rents and profits of the said chantry, and out of the same shall retain six pounds and no more for yourself as your salary, also you shall procure that the repairs of the houses of the said chantry shall be faithfully and usefully done as often as necessary, and shall alienate or deteriorate nothing of the woods or trees or other things belonging to the said chantry without the consent of the dean and chapter, and shall render

a full and faithful account of all and singular the rents and profits collected by you, and of the repairs each year done before the auditors of the chapter and their provost. And the whole residue of the rents and profits remaining in this account, beyond your salary and the repairs, you shall deliver wholly to the said dean and chapter in fulfilment of the ordinance of the said chantry. Moreover that to your power and as far as in you lies you will observe the rules and foundation thereof, saving always in all things the rights of the chapter, and the statutes, customs, and ordinances of the cathedral. In witness whereof our common seal is appended to these presents. Dated in our chapter-house, 29 July, 1531.

INSTITUTION TO A CHANTRY AT DRYBY—On August 11, *Dom.* John Smyth, pbr., was admitted to the chantry at the altar of the Holy Trinity in the parish church of Dryby, vacant by death of Robert Chapman, on the presentation of George Henage, master or warden both of the college of chaplains and of the alms-house of the Holy Trinity of Tateshale, the patrons of the said chantry, and was canonically instituted in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of the good and faithful observance of the foundation and rules of the said chantry to his power, in the presence of the precentor, Fotherby and Pryn.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF HAYNTON—On August 13, Master George Henage, by reason of his canonical farm of Haynton, nominated *Dom.* John Gybbon, pbr., to his brethren for presentation to the bishop for the vicarage of Haynton, vacant by resignation of John Smyth, and the presentation was issued in the customary form.

ELECTION OF AN AUDITOR OF THE COMMON—Mem: That on chapter-day, August 19, the precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, forming a chapter and treating about the election of auditors of the common, at length unanimously chose the sub-dean and Pryn as auditors for the present year.

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LICENCE TO CUT DOWN LE GROVE AT PAXTON—On September 7, in the choir, at parley after vespers, before the precentor, Foderby and Pryn, the dean and sub-dean being then out of the city, appeared one Bolthom, one of their tenants at Paxton, and at his petition the chapter granted that he might take up the grove (*evellet unam le grove*) growing in a close of the dean and chapter in his tenure at Paxton, on condition that he should not intermeddle with the shrubs (*bosco*) growing in the hedges of the said close, and also that he should leave in the said grove sufficient 'Wesers'¹ at the time of cutting or taking up, and that he should carry away the timber and underwood cut in 'le grove' before Christmas next, and so he has paid to the use of the dean and chapter xvs. for the said grove.

PROTESTATION OF MAJOR RESIDENCE BY MASTER JAMES MALLETT—On September 13, in the chapter-house, before the sub-dean as president, the dean being absent out of the city, the precentor, Foderby and Pryn, then and there assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, appeared

¹ *Wesers*; this word is not found in the *English Dialect Dictionary*, but apparently it means suckers left to shoot up from the stools of the trees cut down.

Master James Mallet, Th. B. prebendary of New Lafforde, and made, read, and handed in a certain protestation of major residence to be made by him for his said prebend in the next year, as follows : *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you the sub-dean, etc., I, James Mallet, s.r.b., canon and prebendary of New Lafforde in this cathedral, do protest openly, publicly and expressly in these writings that it is my intention to commence and perform, *Deo concedente*, my major canonical residence for the said prebend according to all the customary force, form and effect thereof : and I protest that I wish to correct and amend this my protestation, and to reduce it into more competent form, and to add thereto and detract therefrom, as far as necessary, at opportune times and places. And I ask from your reverences that a canonical lodging may be assigned to me, as the custom is, that I may make my said residence. And I invite you the sub-dean, as president, and you my venerable brethren, one and all, *pro Dei amore et intuitu caritatis*, that you would deign to be with me in the breaking of bread on Thursday, 12 October next.

This protestation the sub-dean admitted in his own name and that of his brethren, forty pounds being first paid, on this condition, however, that he should not be accounted as resident nor begin his residence until on and after noon on Saturday next following, viz., the 14th. And for his residence the house was assigned to him in which John Carter, deceased, lately lived. Present then and there, together with the above-named members of the chapter, Richard Bevercotes, clerk of the common, and myself, Peter Effard, notary public and chapter-clerk.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOODS OF WILLIAM SHERPE—On chapter-day, September 16, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn, administration of the goods of Master William Sherpe, late cantarist of Richard Whytwell's chantry, who died intestate, was committed to John Sherpe and Robert Sherpe, his brothers, who were sworn to exhibit an inventory, etc.

Folio 114d.

TENTH YEAR OF MR. PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 18 September, 1531, in the 10th year of office of Master Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz., September 18, George Henage, dean, Christopher Massyngberde, precentor, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Grene *al.* Fotherby, and John Pryn, canons residentiary, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, account was rendered of the common for the preceding year, and this being done the chapter, then duly proceeding to the election of a provost of the common for the next year, unanimously chose Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, and gave and assigned to him such authority as past provosts had been wont to have.

And forthwith they elected Masters John Pryn to be senior, and Simon Grene *al.* Foderby, to be junior, master of the fabric ; Master Christopher Massingberde, the precentor, to be supervisor of the chantry

of Bartholomew Burghersh ; Master Simon Gréne *al.* Foderby, to be supervisor of the house of choristers ; and Master John Pryn to be supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh, for the ensuing year.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF HAYNTON—On October 14, in the choir, at parley after vespers, on authority of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* John Gybbon, pbr., was inducted into the vicarage of Haynton, vacant by resignation of John Smyth, and letters for his induction were written to all and singular the rectors, vicars, chaplains with cure and without under the jurisdiction of the chapter ; present then and there the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby, Pryn and Mallet.

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OATHS OF THE PROVOSTS OF THE VICARS—On the Saturday after the Feast of St. Luke, viz., October 21, in the choir, at parley after vespers, before the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Foderby and Mallet, Pryn being then out of the city, assembled chapter-wise, appeared *Dom.* William Bateman, provost of the senior vicars, and Roger Ellys, provost of the junior vicars, and either of them took his oath on the Holy Gospels of God ; the provost of the senior vicars, that to the utmost of his power he would observe all things pertaining to his office faithfully and indifferently, putting aside all gain, hatred and fear, and would present his table of the defaults of the vicars every Sunday, according to old and laudable custom, to the dean and chapter, or in the absence of the dean to the sub-dean and chapter, or in the absence of both to the president and chapter ; the provost of the junior vicars, that he would faithfully note down (*intitulabil*) the defaults of the vicars not duly observing the divine offices whether by night or day, and would exhibit them in writing every week in the chapter-house according to the statutes and laudable customs of the cathedral.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD WHYTEWELL—*Dom.* Thomas Kyslay, chaplain, was admitted to the chantry founded for the soul of Richard Whytwell in the parish church of Whytwell, vacant by the cession or dimission of John Raynolde, in the chapter-house, on 2 November, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the foundation of the chantry, in the presence of the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn.

INSTITUTION TO A CHANTRY AT DRYBY—On November 6, *Dom.* John Monke, pbr., was admitted to a chantry founded at the altar of St. Mary the Virgin in the parish church of Dryby, vacant by death of Master John Donham, on the presentation of George Henage, master or warden both of the college of chaplains and of the alms-house of the Holy Trinity of Tateshale, the patrons thereof, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oath of canonical obedience and of the faithful observance of the foundation and rules of the said chantry. Present then and there at the vestry door the precentor, Pryn and Mallet.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LEICESTER—On December 27, on authority of letters from the bishop directed to the dean and

chapter, Master Edward Fox, S.T.P.,¹ was installed in the archdeaconry of Leicester, vacant by the consecration of Stephen Gardyner, late archdeacon, to be bishop of Winchester, and was canonically inducted in the same in the person of Robert Gruffyth, literate, constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the *Laudum*, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present the dean, precentor and sub-dean.

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INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF MILTON ECCLESIA—On December 30, 1531, in the choir, at parley after vespers, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master John Fysher, M.A., was inducted into the vicarage of the parish church of Milton Ecclesia, vacant by resignation of Master John Burgh, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, his lawfully constituted proctor on this behalf, who took the oath of canonical obedience in his name, and letters were written for his induction. Present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Pryn and Mallet.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BEDFORD MAJOR—On January 30, in the chapter-house, on the strength of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* William Chambers, clerk, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Bedford Major, vacant by resignation of Master John Denham, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and observance of the statutes, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On February 4, Giles Smale, 16 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks in the choir after vespers. Present the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Pryn.

ADMISSION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD WHITWELL—On February 9 *Dom.* Robert Sucklyng, pbr., was admitted to the chantry founded for the soul of Richard Whytwell in the parish church of Whytwell, vacant by resignation of Thomas Kysay, and canonically instituted in the same, and took the oath of canonical obedience, in the presence of the sub-dean, precentor and Mallet.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF BUKDEN—On February 23, the dean, sub-dean, Pryn and Mallet, on authority of letters from the bishop, caused to be inducted Master Henry Whyte, M.A., into the vicarage of the prebendal church of Bugden, vacant by resignation of Master Richard Coren, in the person of Master Henry Cockes, bachelor of decrees, his lawfully constituted proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc. And letters for his induction were written to all rectors, vicars, chaplains with cure or without under the jurisdiction of the chapter.

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LETTERS PATENT FOR THOMAS, LORD BURGH—To all, etc. John, bishop of Lincoln—Greeting in the Lord. Know ye that we for the good

¹ Edward Fox, who thus succeeded Gardiner as archdeacon of Leicester, only held the archdeaconry until 1535, when he became bishop of Hereford on the death of Charles Booth, already mentioned, p. 105 *n.* He was provost of King's College, Cambridge, and was much employed by Henry VIII in diplomatic missions and in the business of his divorce. He died in 1538.

counsel [rendered to us] by Thomas Burgh, knt., Lord Burgh,¹ and Edward Burgh, esq., his son and heir apparent, have ordained and constituted the said Thomas and Edward chief seneschals of our demesnes or manors of Stowie, Stowie parke, Nettylham, Dunham, Bushoppes Norton, Ounby, and of the wapentake of Well, or of our soke, hundred, or wapentake of Stowie aforesaid, with all its members and appurtenances, and also master of the game drives (*deduct' ferarum*)² of Stowie parke aforesaid. To have and occupy the said office by themselves or by their sufficient deputies during the life of the said Thomas and Edward, and the longer liver of them, taking annually for the exercise of that office the fees and wages due and customary thereto, to be paid annually at Michaelmas at the hands of our receiver-general for the time being. Giving moreover our strict command to all and singular the tenants and residents on the said demesnes, manors, wapentake or hundred, that they be attentive, helpful and obedient to the said Thomas and Edward Burgh or their deputies, in all things as is fitting. In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated at our lodging (*hospicio*) at the Old Temple, London, 16 February, 23 Henry VIII, and of our consecration the 11th.

[Signed] 'Johes Lincoln' Epūs.'

Confirmation of the above grant by George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for themselves and their successors. Sealed with their common seal and dated in their chapter-house 24 February, 1531.

Folio 116d.

INSTITUTION TO TOTHBY CHANTRY IN ALFORD CHURCH—On 25 February, 1531, the precentor, Pryn and Mallet, being assembled chapter-wise at the door of the vestry, admitted *Dom.* William Raynolde, pbr., to the chantry called Totheby Chauntry in the parish church of Alford, vacant by the death of Thomas Heywarde, on the presentation of Andrew Byllesby, of Byllesby, co. Lincoln, knt., by reason of a grant of the advowson for this turn, made to him by the dean and chapter, and canonically instituted him in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the foundation of the chantry.

ADMISSION OF A SENIOR VICAR-CHORAL—On March 11, in the chapel of St. Catherine in the cathedral, present the sub-dean, precentor, Pryn and Mallet, Master Richard Hatfelde, M.A., was admitted to the number of vicars-choral of the first form, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF HENRY BENYNGWORTH—And subsequently they conferred on the said Master Richard Hatfelde the chantry founded for the soul of Henry Benyngworth in the cathedral, vacant by dimission of William Prince, and instituted him canonically in the same on his taking the oaths of observance of the foundation and rules of the chantry and canonical obedience.

¹ This was Thomas, third Baron Burgh, of Gainsborough, whose estates of Gainsborough and Doddington lay within easy distance of Stow Park on either side. As a royal commissioner engaged in the suppression of monasteries, he narrowly escaped with his life from the insurgents at Caistor in October, 1536. He survived however until 1550, outliving his son Edward, here mentioned as his heir apparent, who was the first husband of Katherine Parr, but died young and s.p. before April, 1533.

² *Deductus*: eodem nomine appellatur id quod Deductui inservit—Cerfs, biches, sengliers, et autres Deducts et gibiers. *Ducange*.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 28 March, 1532, Hugh Salmon, John Savage and William Whalley, vicars-choral, and Henry Greenwood and John Eston, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the Holy Saturday in Easter, March 30, viz., Salmon being deacon the priesthood; Savage, sub-dean, the diaconate; Whalley and Greenwood being acolytes the sub-diaconate; and Eston the order of acolyte; examination being first held by the chancellor according to custom.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On April 3, in the choir, at parley after vespers, William Hessel was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles without Lincoln, on the nomination of Master John Talbot, the sub-dean. Present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn, and he took the oath of canonical obedience.

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INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF NORTH KELSAY—On 13 April, 1532, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* John Richardson, pbr., was inducted into the vicarage of the prebendal church of North Kelsay, vacant by death of Richard Foxe, and took the oath of canonical obedience, and letters were written to all under the jurisdiction of the chapter for his induction. Present the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby, Pryn and Mallet.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON BEKHALL—On 18 April, 1532, in the choir, at parley after vespers, in the presence of the same, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Thomas Robertson, M.A., was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Welton Bekhall, vacant by reason of the consecration of Edward Lee¹ as archbishop of York, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

PROBATE OF THE WILL OF JOHN BECKE, OF THE BAIL, LINCOLN—On April 25, in the chapter-house, in the presence of the same, was proved the will of John Becke, late of the Bail of Lincoln, within the parish of St. Mary Magdalene, and administration was committed to Catherine his relict and to William Kessall, the executors named therein, who were sworn in form of law, etc.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On May 21 John Savage and William Beste, vicars-choral of the second form, and Henry Grenewoode and John Eston, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the Saturday in Ember week, May 25, viz., Savage, deacon, the presbyterate; Beste and Grenewoode, sub-deacons, the diaconate; and Eston, acolyte, the sub-diaconate; examination being first held by the chancellor.

ADMISSION OF A JUNIOR VICAR—On May 26, at the tomb of St. John Dalderby in the cathedral, Nicholas Hybleyn was admitted as vicar-choral of the second form, and took the oaths, etc., in the presence of the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Pryn, and Mallet, Fotherby then ministering at matins in the choir.

Folio 117d.

VISITATION OF THE CHURCHES AND MANORS OF THE COMMON—On

¹ Edward Lee, who was consecrated archbishop of York, in succession to Wolsey, in 1531, had held the prebend of Welton Bekhall since 1512.

1 June, 1532, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Pryn and Mallet, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, unanimously granted on the petition of the sub-dean as provost for this year, that Master John Pryn should ride in his place and name to visit the churches and manors of the common of the cathedral.

CONCERNING THE CANONICAL FARMS—On June 22, the precentor, sub-dean, and Pryn being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and treating about their canonical farms for the next year, at length reported themselves content with the farms chosen by them for the preceding year ; and then Master John Pryn in the name of Master James Mallet, who was absent, accepted Sewerby for him as his canonical farm for the next year.

CONCERNING THE VACANCY OF THE TREASURERSHIP—On July 24, the dean, precentor, Fotherby and Mallet, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, the sub-dean celebrating high mass, but consenting thereto, unanimously granted to Master John Pryn, their brother, all and singular the emoluments belonging to the dignity of Treasurer then vacant, from the morrow of the Nativity of St. John Baptist last past unto the end of the vacancy of the said dignity, paying to each of the aforesaid residentiaries 5s. for this vacancy.

COLLATION TO A WORKS CHANTRY—On August 1, Master George Sandeford, bachelor of decrees, was admitted to one of the Works chantries (*de fabrica*), vacant by resignation of Master Henry Cockes, also bachelor of decrees, on the nomination of Master John Pryn, senior master of the works in his course, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the foundation of the chantry, etc., as contained in the Black Book, present, the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Pryn.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LYDINGTON—On August 12, Master William Bretten, doctor of either law, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Lydyngton, vacant by resignation of Master James Denton, in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, canon-residentiary, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, etc., and letters were written for his induction : present in the chapter-house the sub-dean, Fotherby, and Mallet.

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ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On chapter-day, 17 August, 1532, the sub-dean, Fotherby, Pryn and Mallet, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house (the dean and precentor being absent), they chose the precentor and Pryn as auditors of the common for this year.

CONCERNING THE PAYMENT OF PENTECOSTALS AND LEGACIES FROM THE ARCHDEACONRY OF NORTHAMPTON—On Saturday, 7 September, 1532, before the sub-dean, precentor, Fotherby, Pryn and Mallet, assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and forming a full chapter (the dean being then absent), Master Thomas Morgan, registrar of the archdeaconry of Northampton, exhibited and handed in by the hands of Nicholas Soute, servant of Mr. Pryn, six pounds collected by him for

pentecostals and legacies within the archdeaconry of Northampton for the two years from 24 November, 1528, to the same day, 1530. And of this £6 the sub-dean and chapter allowed 4s. 8d. to Mr. Morgan as reward (*regardo*); and of the remaining £5 15s. 4d. one half, viz. 57s. 8d. by the unanimous consent of the chapter (inasmuch as it was not certain (*pro certo non constabat*) how much should belong to the fabric), Thomas Chamberlayn then and there received for the use of the fabric: one-fourth, viz. 28s. 10d. *Dom.* John Maynman then and there received for the use of Master Richard Parker, late treasurer; and the remaining fourth was divided by Richard Bevercotes, clerk of the common, among the canons who had made major residence in the said two years.

ELEVENTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 16 September, 1532, in the Eleventh year of the office of Master Peter Effarde, notary public, chapter clerk.

PAYMENT OF THE LEGACY OF MASTER J. CUTLER, LATE TREASURER,¹ DECEASED—On Monday, September 16, in the chapter-house, present then and there Masters George Henage, dean, Christopher Massyngberde, precentor, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Grene *al.* Fotherby, John Pryn, and James Mallet, canons-residentiary, forming a chapter, appeared Master Thomas Lyllilowe, bachelor of decrees, and in the name of Master William Clyfton, doctor of decrees, sub-dean of the metropolitical church of York, and executor of the will of Master John Cutler, late treasurer of Lincoln cathedral, delivered to the chapter two copes of white silk which the said Mr. Cutler had left to the cathedral in his will; and these copes they received in full chapter, and forthwith delivered them to *Dom.* James Tutill, the sacrist, to be kept in the vestry of the cathedral.

Folio 118d.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS, AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—At the same time, etc., and in presence of the same, account was rendered of the common for the preceding year, which done, the chapter proceeding to the election of a provost of the common according to custom, unanimously elected their brother, Master John Pryn, and granted him such powers as other provosts have had in times past.

Subsequently they elected Masters Simon Fotherby as senior, and the precentor as junior, masters of the works—John Talbot, the sub-dean, as keeper and supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh;

¹ John Cutler had been treasurer in Lincoln cathedral as long before as from 1501 to 1508. He also held the prebends of Sutton in Marisco from 1486, Leicester St. Margaret from 1492, and of Louth from 1508 to 1518. He was buried in the minster, as bishop Sanderson says,—"Under a pourtraiture in brass, on a marble," with this inscription,—"Hic jacet magister Johannes Cutler, nuper thesaurarius istius ecclesie cathedralis, ac prebendarius prebende Lude: qui quidem Johannes obiit, x^{to} die mensis Julii, A^o Dom. MCCCCVIII^o" (which last must be a mistake for 1518). The copes which he bequeathed to the cathedral are described in the inventory of 1536 as "Two copes of white damask with our Lady in flowers, in both the hoods an image of St. John Baptist, and on the morses these letters I and C. Ex dono Magistri Johannis Cutler, thesaurarii." Dugdale, *Mon.* VIII, 1283. They were still in possession of the cathedral in 1548.

Christopher Massingberd, the precentor, as supervisor of the house of choristers ; and James Mallet, as supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh, for the next year.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On September 19, William Beste, William Whallay, and Nicholas Hybleyn, vicars-choral of the second form, and John Eston, poor clerk, were presented to receive holy orders on Ember Saturday, September 21, Beste, being deacon, the presbyterate, Whallay and Eston, sub-deacons, the diaconate, and Hybleyn an acolyte, the sub-diaconate, examination being first held by the chancellor according to custom.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On September 20, at parley after vespers, in the choir, Alexander Tathwell, 17 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and customs of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks, in the presence of all the residentiaries.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR OF THE SECOND FORM—On September 22, in the choir, at parley after vespers, in the presence of the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Pryn, Robert Thompson, sub-deacon, was admitted as vicar-choral of the second form, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book.

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ADMISSION OF CHORISTERS—At the same time, etc., they admitted Richard Skynner and Thomas Estwoode to be choristers, on the nomination of the precentor by reason of his dignity, and they took the customary oaths.

INSTALLATION TO THE DIGNITY OF TREASURER—On chapter-day, October 5, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, sub-dean, Fotherby and Mallet, being assembled chapter-wise, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop directed to them on this behalf, inducted their venerable brother Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, canon-residentiary and prebendary of Ketton, in person into the dignity of treasurer of the cathedral, vacant by resignation of Master Richard Parker, and assigned him the stall in choir and the place in chapter due of old custom to that dignity, and installed him in person therein. And then Master John Pryn protested openly and publicly before the dean and chapter at the horn (*ad cornu*) of the high altar word for word, as follows : I, John Pryn, treasurer of the cathedral church of St. Mary of Lincoln, protest openly, publicly, and expressly in these writings before you the dean and the others my fellow-canon and brethren here present, also before you, Mr. Peter Effarde, notary public, that by any oath to be taken by me in obtaining possession of this dignity of treasurer, or by any other act following therefrom, I do not intend to renounce the powers available to me (*michi competentibus*) by apostolic dispensation, but that I wish by all means to enjoy such powers at suitable time and place, notwithstanding this oath or any other act to the contrary. Saving such protestation, he took the oaths on touch and inspection of the Holy Gospels at the horn of the high altar, as is contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the chapter, and of me, Peter Effarde, notary public, chapter clerk.

ADMISSION OF A PROVOST OF THE VICARS—On 18 October, 1532, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, treasurer, sub-dean and

Foderby, *Dom.* Nicholas Hybleyn, vicar of the second form, was admitted to the office of provost of the vicars, and took the oath to note down all and singular the defaults of the vicars according to the ancient custom of the cathedral hitherto in use, and to present them to the chapter every chapter-day as before customary.

Folio 119d.

ADMISSION OF A PROVOST OF THE POOR CLERKS—At the same time, etc., John Doughtye, poor clerk, was admitted to the office of provost of the poor clerks, and took the oaths to observe faithfully the statutes and customs of the house of poor clerks, and to make known such as infringe or act contrary to them to the dean and chapter every chapter-day.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF MYLTON MANOR—On December 18, at the door of the vestry, Master John London, LL.D., was installed in the canonry and prebend of Mylton Manor, vacant by resignation of Master John Higdon, S.T.P.,¹ in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book ; and letters for his induction were written to all under the jurisdiction of the chapter ; present, the sub-dean, precentor, and Mallet.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF S. CRUCIS AND SPALDEWYK—At the same time, etc., Master Henry Morgan,² LL.D., was installed in the canonry and prebend of Spaldewyk S. Crucis, vacant by resignation of Master John London, LL.D., in the person of the same Master John Pryn, as his proctor, who took the oaths, etc.

LEGACIES AND PENTECOSTALS OF THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTINGDON—On chapter-day, 18 January, 1532, in the chapter-house, the dean, precentor, treasurer and sub-dean being assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, they acknowledged that they had received at the hands of Master Simon Kent, registrar of the archdeaconry of Huntinton for pentecostals and legacies collected by him in the said archdeaconry on 6 April, 1530, *lis. xid. half-penny* ; also on 29 November, 1531, *xxxiijs. iiijd.* ; also on 14 January, 1532, *xxxs.* Total, *cxvs. iijd. half-penny.* And they exonerated Master Simon of the said moneys, and gave him acquittance in writing.

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NOTE OF LETTERS MISSIVE FROM THE BISHOP—At the same time, etc., the dean exhibited then and there to his brethren letters missive of John bishop of Lincoln, dated December 9, and caused them to be read publicly, containing amongst other things : I require you that you suffer

¹ Dr. John Higdon, who had held the prebend of Milton Manor since 1521, became president of Magdalen College, Oxford, 1516. He also held a prebend in York cathedral. In 1525 he was appointed dean of Wolsey's Cardinal College at Oxford, and in 1532 was re-appointed to the same office in that college as re-founded by Henry VIII, but died the same year.

² Henry Morgan, D.C.L., was principal of St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford. He exchanged this prebend for that of Leicester St. Margaret, 7 June, 1536, and held also canonries of Bristol, 1542, and of Exeter, 1548. He was appointed by Queen Mary bishop of St. David's in 1554, but was deprived on the accession of Queen Elizabeth, and died 23 December, 1559.

not my chapiture sealys to passe of any of my prebendys or landys unles ye have eny especiall lettre from me for the same. And that a note may be mayd in your Registre of thys my Requeste concernyng my Landys and prebendys, etc.

APPOINTMENT OF PROCTORS FOR CONVOCATION—At the same time, etc., the chapter appointed Mr. George Henage, the dean, together with Masters John Rayne, doctor of either law, and John London, LL.D., to appear and take part (*interessendum*) in the convocation of the prelates and clergy of the province of Canterbury to be held in the church of St. Paul, London, in February next, as in the proxy sealed with the common seal of the chapter more fully appears ; and they unanimously decreed that whoever was occupied in the necessary business of the said convocation should be accounted as present in the cathedral at Lincoln.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF HORLEY—On January 23, on the strength of letters from the bishop directed to the dean and chapter of Lincoln on this behalf, *Dom.* James Clemson, chaplain, was inducted personally into the vicarage of Horley, diocese of Lincoln, vacant by death of last incumbent, and he took the oath of canonical obedience ; and letters for his induction were written to all and singular under the jurisdiction of the chapter. Present then and there at the door of the vestry the sub-dean, treasurer, and Fotherby.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—On chapter-day, March 1, the sub-dean, precentor, treasurer, Fotherby and Mallet, (the dean being absent), assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, unanimously decreed that Master Fotherby should be presented to the bishop or his vicar-general for the vicarage of Wellyngore, vacant by death of William Hardall ; and letters of presentation were issued in common form.

WILL OF JOHN NEWCOMEN, VICAR OF STRUBBY—In the name of God, Amen. The xxxjty day of January the yere of our Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundreth xxxjty, I, John Newcomen, preste, the vicare of Strubby, beyng hole of mynde [*Folio 120d.*] and of good memory, makyth thys my Laste Will in thys maner of forme foloyng. Fyrste, I bequethe my soule to God Allmyghty, to the blessyd Virgyn Mary, and to all the Sayntes in heven, my body to be buryed in the churchye yerde of St. Oswalde of Struby. Also I bequethe to the highe altar of o^r mother churchye of Lincoln, xij*d.* Also to o^r Lady warke ther iij*s.* Also I bequethe to the Reparacions of Struby churchye by the syght of my executors, xx*s.* Also to the fyndyng of the light of the Rode-loffte in the said churchye, xx*d.* Also to the sepulcre light, xx*d.* Also to the adornment of our Lady ther, xij*d.* Item, I bequethe to the Reparacions of Malteby churchye in the Marshe, i*s.* ; to Wytherne churchye, i*s.* Also to the Prior of Markeby, xij*d.*, and to every chanon ther professyd, viij*d.* Also to the Abbot of Hawnby viij*d.*, and to every chanon ther professyd, iij*d.* Also I bequethe to the ij orders of Frerys in Grymesby, and to our Lady Frerys in Lincoln, and to the Domynyk Frerys, to every one of thes housys, iij*s.* iij*d.* To the parsone of Malteby iij*s.* iij*d.* Also to sir Richerde Sherwoode, xx*d.* ; to sir Thomas Hopkynson, xx*d.* ; to sir Henry Henryson, xx*d.* Also to John Rodysby and Thomas hys brother, to other of them a yowe and a lambe and a gowne. And to William the

clerk of Struby my nexte beste gowne. Also to Avys Shogge, vjs. viiij*d*. Also to Robert Spenser my yong bayd horse, and to Thomas hys brother a gray balde stag¹; to Thomas Raythby a yeryng stag,¹ and all my bokes. Also I bequethe to Jennet and Agnes Vidoys betwyxte them, vjs. viiij*d*. Also to Thomas Burkwoode a Jaket. Also to John Raythby and George hys brother all my housholde stuff and Rayment not bequethyd, and the Resydue of my schepe not bequethyd, excepte ij cades.² The Resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I gyff and bequethe to Robert Spenser of Louthe and Thomas hys brother of the same, whome I do make my executors, they to dispose theym for the helthe of my soule, to whome I gyff to other for ther labors xs. Thes to wytnes, sir Robert Pratte, parson of Carleton Parva, sir Thomas Hopkynson, John Lows, John Blake with other.

Proved before the dean and chapter in the cathedral on 4 March, 1532, and administration committed to the above-named executors, who were sworn in form of law.

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INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF STRUBBY—On March 15, at the door of the vestry, on authority of letters from the bishop, the sub-dean, precentor, treasurer, and Mallet inducted in person *Dom*. Charles Thornton, chaplain, who had been previously instituted by the bishop, into the vicarage of Strubby, vacant by death of John Newcomen, and commanded that he should be inducted into the real and corporal possession thereof, and wrote to all under their jurisdiction to that effect: and he took the oath of canonical obedience.

INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES OF RICHARD RAVENSER—At the same time, etc., *Dom*. William Mattans, chaplain, was instituted to one of the chantries founded in the chapel of St. Giles in the cathedral for the soul of Richard Ravenser, vacant by death of Robert Clerynge, on the presentation of Thomas Audeley, knt., lord chancellor of England, patron of the said chantry by reason of his office; and he took the oath of canonical obedience, and the cantarist's oath, as contained in the Black Book.

WILL OF MASTER NICHOLAS BRADBRIG, LATE CHANCELLOR—*In Dei nomine, Amen*. The xvijth day of January, in the yere of or Lorde God m fyve hundrethe xxxijth, I Nicholes Bradbryge good and hole of mynde and remembraunce of dethe, knowyng that every man is mortall and nothyng more uncerten than howre of dethe, makythe my Laste Will and testament in maner and forme foloyng. Fyrste I bequethe my soule to Allmyghty God, to o^r Lady St. Mary, and to all the holy compeny of heven, and my body to be buryed where it shall please Allmyghty God. And yff it please God to call me to hys mercy with in the close of Lincoln, then I will that my body be buryed in the cathedrall church of o^r blessyd Lady of Lincoln before Saynt Nicholas quere by the pillar.³

¹ *Stag*, that is a young horse from one to three years old. (*Engl. Dial: Dict.*) one of these is distinguished as being gray and bald, that is with a white streak on its face, and the other as a yeryng or yearling.

² *Cades*, = lambs brought up by hand.

³ In accordance with his will chancellor Bradbridge was buried, as Sanderson says, "near the pillar where Mary Fitzwilliams lies", that is the pillar next the head of Wymbysh's tomb in the Cantilupe chantry. It bore his portraiture in brass, and six Latin elegiacs, with this inscription at the feet: *Hic jacet humatum corpus venerabilis viri Nicholai Brad-*

And I bequethe for the brekeying of the grounde for my sayd buryall ther xxs. Item, I bequethe for my Dirige and Obbyt for my sayd buryall to be distrybutyd by the handys of vichaunceler and my executors accordyng to the olde custome xli. Item, I will that my executors dispose to pore folkes by ther discrecions at home at ther houses iiijli. iijs. iiijd. Item, and I gyff and bequethe with my own handes to Sir Andro Byllesby, knyght, ij saltes gylte with a cover havynг wryttyn uppon it Emanuel, to the sayd Sir Andro and hys heyres as heyre lomes. Item, I bequeth to Roger Arnolde my brewer lxs., whereof he hath payd xvs. Item, to Nicholes Arnolde the sonne of the sayd Roger and my godson xs. Item, to Robert Smyth y^t marryed my syster [*folio 121d.*] cs. to be payd in fyve yeres nexte immediatly foloyng aftyr my decesse in maner and forme foloyng, that is to say, every yere duryng the sayd fyve yere xxs. by myne executors. Item, I bequethe and gyff to sir John Maynman one drynkyng cuppe of sylver and gylte with a cover and xiiij currant sylver sponys and one gyltyd salte which is dayly occupied in my house. Item, to the sayd sir John Maynman one fether bed. Item, I bequethe to George Wymbyshe my servaunt xxs. Item, to Thomas Foster, chylde of my chamber xxxiijs. iiijd. Item, I will y^t all my servaunts beyng in my house not expresste before in thys my Laste Will have every one of them aftyr my decesse xxs., and ther quarter wage. Item, that all my servaunts in my house have every one of them a blak cote. Item, I will that every one of Sir Andro Byllesby servaunts beyng wyth hym at thys tyme have a blake cote and iijs. iiijd. in Rewarde to pray for me. Item, I bequethe and gyff to Sir Andro Billesby, knyght, xj sylver spones wyth Apostolles. Item, to the sayd Sir Andro Billesby viijl. for the fyndyng of Thomas Foster at the Grammer Scole by the space of iij yeres. Item, I will y^t Masteres Bennet have a blake gowne to pray for me. Item, y^t Edmund Kave have a blake cote. Item, I bequethe to Laurance Chauncy xxs. The Resydue of my goods not gyffyn nor bequethyd I gyff them to Sir Andro Billesby, knyght, and to Sir John Maynman, preste, whome I make my full executors to pay my dettes and to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all Crysten souls by there discretion, by the oversight of Master Doctor Talbot, sub-deane of the Cathedrall church of Lincoln, whome I make my supervisor of thys my Laste will. And for hys labor I gyff hym my Standyng cuppe of Sylver and gylte wyth a cover. T. Alexander Plankeney, *Dom.* Ralph Balguy, *Dom.* William Harryson.

Know all by these presents that we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln cathedral do approve the will of our venerable brother Master Nicholas Bradbryge, late chancellor, as exhibited and proved before us in the choir of the cathedral on 16 March, 1532, and we admit and pronounce it to be true and lawful, and we commit the administration of all goods within our jurisdiction to Andrew Billesby, knt., and to John Maynman, chaplain, the executors named therein, and sworn in form of law. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal to these presents.

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INSTALLATION TO THE CHANCELLORSHIP AND PREBEND OF STOKE—

bridge, S.T.P., quondam huius ecclesie cathedralis cancellarii, qui obiit xiv die mensis Martii, anno dominice incarnationis secundum computacionem ecclesie Anglicane MDXXXIJ. Cuius anime et animabus omnium Christi fidelium propitietur Deus. Amen.

On Friday, 21 March, 1532, in the chapter-house, present then and there Masters Christopher Massyngberde, precentor, John Pryn, treasurer, John Talbot, sub-dean, Simon Fotherby and James Mallet, canons-residentiary, the dean being absent and at the convocation in London for himself and the chapter, the sub-dean in his own name and that of the chapter, on the strength of letters from the bishop to the dean and chapter for his induction, admitted personally Master Christopher Massyngberde to the canonry and prebend of Stoke, as also to the chancellorship of the cathedral, vacant by death of Master Nicholas Bradbrige, and caused him to be inducted and installed therein according to custom, and he took the oath at the horn (*cornu*) of the high altar, as contained in the Black Book respecting the oath of a dignitary. And forasmuch as the prebend of Stoke, annexed to the dignity of chancellor, is in the diocese of York, the dean and chapter were wont to present the said chancellor to the archbishop of York or his vicar-general in spirituals by letters, confirmed by their common seal containing the tenor of the bishop of Lincoln's letters to them for his institution and induction in the said prebend. But for this turn the chancellor had letters of presentation from the bishop of Lincoln, sealed with his seal, by which for that turn he was expedited.

INSTALLATION TO THE PRECENTORSHIP AND PREBEND OF EMPYNGHAM—At the same time and place, and in the same manner Master James Mallet was admitted and personally installed in the canonry and prebend of Empyngham, and the dignity of precentor, vacant inasmuch as Master Christopher Massyngberde, their late holder, had acquired another canonry, prebend, and dignity in the cathedral; and he took the oaths at the horn (*cornu*) of the high altar, as contained in the Black Book, and letters were written to all under the jurisdiction of the chapter for his induction into the real, corporal, and actual possession of the prebend of Empyngham.

Folio 122d.

WILL OF DOM. ROBERT CLERYNG, CANTARIST—In the name of God, Amen. In the yere of our Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundrethe and xxxijty, the xth day of January, I, sir Robert Cleryng, chauntry preste of the chauntry off Richerde Ravenser and John Waltham, foundyd in the cath: church of Lincoln, of hole mynde and good remembraunce makyth my testament and laste will in maner and forme foloyng. Fyrste, I bequethe my soule to God Allmyghty, to the gloriose Virgyn o^r Lady St. Mary, and to all the holy compeny of heven, and my body to be buryed wythin the chapell of St. Gyls in the sayd Cath: church be the licence of my Lorde deane and chapiture. Item, I bequethe for my buryall in the sayd church, as custome is, xxs. Item, to the high altare in the sayd Cath: church, xij*d.* Item, to o^r Lady warkes in the same, xij*d.* Item, to St. Hugh hede, vj*d.* Item, to the iiij orders of Frerys in Lincoln, to every order, xij*d.* Item, to the gylde of our Lady in Boston, ijs. Item, to the Clerke gylde in Lincoln one sylver spoone and xij*d.* in money uppon thys condicion y^t yerely at ther generall dyner when the brether be rehersyd at the rehersyng of my name they shall desyre every brother to say for my soule one *Pater Noster* and one *Ave Maria*. Item, I bequethe for one trentall to be done for my soule the day of my buryall emonges the chauntry prestes in the Cath: church before namyd, xs. Item, for one obbyt to be done for my soule iiij marke, yff my goodes will beyr it.

Item, to the reparacion of the ornaments in the sayd chapell of St. Gyls, iijs. iiij*d*. Item, to the tenements belongyng to my sayd chauntry, iijs. iiij*d*. The resydue of my goods not geven nor bequethyd I putto the disposicion of sir John Cooke and sir Thomas Pawfireman, chauntry prestes, whome I make executors of thys my testament and laste will, to dispose for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys in trentallys doynge and other almes dedes as my speciall truste is in them. And I bequethe to ether of theym for ther labors and payns taking vs. Thes beyng wytnes, sir Robert Percivall and sir Rayff Balgey, clerkes, with other.

Proved before George Henage, dean, and the chapter, in the chapter-house, on 22 March, 1532, and administration of goods within the jurisdiction of the chapter committed to the fore-named executors, who were sworn in form of law. In witness whereof is affixed their common seal, etc.

Folio 123.

WILL OF JOHN DAY, OF SKIDBROKE—In the name of God, Amen. The viijth day of the monyth of Apryll, in the yere of o^r Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundrethe xxvij, I, John Day, of Skydbroke, of good remembraunce and hole of mynde makes my laste will and testament in thys maner here after foloyng. Fyrste, I bequethe my soule to God omnipotent, our Lady St. Mary, and to all the compeny of heven, my body to be buried in the churche garthe of Skydbroke, and that thing that the lawe requirythe to be my mortuary. Item, I bequethe to our Lady of Lincoln warke, v*d*. Item, to the high altare off the church of Skydbroke, v*d*. Item, to the sayd church warke, iijs. iiij*d*. Item, to our Lady gylde of Skydbroke, v*d*. Item, I will y^t one trentall of messes shall be celebrate in the church of Skydbroke for the well of my soule and all my frendys. Item, I bequethe to William my sun when y^t he shall cum at lawfull age the leys of the copy y^t I have takyn of the Lorde Willughby doynge hys duty as it is requyrd aftyr hys copy be custome. The Resydue of all my goode not wyt I will y^t it shall be devydyd in iij parts, y^t is to say, one parte to myselfe for to be disposyd for the welthe of my soule, the secunde parte to Agnes my wyffe, and the thyrde parte to William Day my sun, whome I orden and make my faythfull executors y^t they may orden for the well of my soule as they thynke beste in tyme to cum. Thes wytnes, sir William Edmundson, curet, Richerde Browne and Robert Bolan, wyth other.

Proved before the dean and chapter on 22 March, 1532, in the chapter-house, and administration committed to William Day, son of the deceased, the fore-named executor, who was sworn in form of law, Agnes Day the relict and executrix having died in the mean time.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON BEKHALL—On April 2, 1533, in the chapter-house, present the sub-dean, chancellor and treasurer, on authority of letters mandatory from the bishop, Master Christopher Plummer was installed and inducted into the canonry and prebend of Welton Bekehall, vacant by resignation or dimission of Master Thomas Robertson, in the person of Master James Mallet, the precentor, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

Folio 123d.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On 11 April, 1533, Henry Grenewoode, John Eston, and Thomas Marston, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the Holy Saturday of Easter, viz., Grenewoode and Eston, being deacons, the presbyterate, and Marston, being an acolyte, the sub-diaconate, after examination, etc., and thereupon they had letters of presentation.

ADMISSION OF POOR CLERKS—On April 12, at parley after vespers, Laurence Byrchewoode and Edmund Jakson were admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes and ordinances of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks. Present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF WELLINGORE—Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, S.T.P., having been instituted to the vicarage of Wellyngore, vacant by death of William Hardall, by Master John Rayne, doctor of either law, vicar-general and official principal of John bishop of Lincoln, was personally inducted therein on 12 April, 1533, and took the oath of canonical obedience, and letters were written for his induction. Present the dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SLEFORD—On April 14 Master Thomas Robertson was installed in the canonry and prebend of Sleaford, vacant inasmuch as Master James Mallet has acquired another canonry and prebend, in the person of Master John Pryn, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present then in the choir at parley after vespers the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On April 20, at parley after vespers in the choir, Humfrey Brattyn was admitted to the number of poor clerks and took the oaths, etc., on the Holy Gospels, in the presence of the dean, precentor [*erased*], chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby.

Folio 124.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR-CHORAL—On April 23, at parley as above, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby, admitted *Dom.* John Jakson, pbr., to be vicar-choral of the first form, who took the oaths, etc.

INDENTURE OF THE MANOR OF BISHOP'S NORTON—Thys Indenture mayd the xxvj day of February in the foure and twenty yere of the Reigne of our soverayne Lorde Kyng Henry the eight betwene the Reverend Father in God John the byshop of Lincoln on the one partie and Henry Gardyner off Bushopes Norton in the countie of Lincoln, gent., on the other partie, Wytnessyth that the sayd byshop hathe dimisyd and to ferme letten to the forsayd Henry hys manor of Bushops Norton withe all the dominicall or domayne landes, medoys, closures, pasturys and fedinges withe ther appurtenaunces, etc., one Barcarye or Shepcote now in decay withe the leysse and gresse-grounde therunto adjoining, and one Wynde Mylne as hit is sette and standithe in the felde of Norton beforesayd, Excepte and Reservyd alway to the sayd byshop

and hys successors all Renttes of Assyse, Customary Rentes, Renttes at will, and Renttes for terme of yeres, all fynes, amerciaments, suyttes of courts and profyts off the same, wardes mariages and Relevys, Wayffys, Extrahes, advantages of woode and of tymber and all Royalties to the sayd maner and lordship belongyng, To have and to hold the sayd maner, etc., excepte before excepte, to the forsayd Henry and hys assignes from the feste of Saynt Michel tharchangell nexte before the date of thes presents to the ende and terme of thretty yeres then nexte and immediatly ensewing fully to be accomplyshed and endyd, Paying and yeldyng yerely for the same maner, landes, etc., belongyng to the forsayd byshop and hys successors by and to the handes of hys or thare generall Receyvior for the tyme beyng Three pounds Syx shylyngs Eight pens of lawfull money of Ynglande. And lykewyse paying and yeldyng yerely for the same Sheepcote or Barcarye, etc., Ten Shylynges. And for the foresayd Wynde Mylne Syx Shylynges, Eight pens, amountyng in the hole to the summe of Fowre Pounds iijs. iiijd. by yere, At and in the festes of the Annunciation of our Lady and of St. Michell tharchangell yerely duryng terme by [*Folio 124d.*] even porcions to be payd as is abovesayd. And further the sayd Henry Gardyner covenautith and grauntith and by thes presents byndyth hym selfe and hys executors that he and hys assignes shall yerely and from yere to yere duryng the forsayd terme of thretty yeres at hys and ther owne propre costys and charges Repare, amende, susteyne, maynteyne and upholde the sayd Maner with thappertenaunces withe in the towne and with out in all and synguler necessary convenyent and sufficient reparacions aswell in bearyng the charge of the warkemanship as in fyndyng and provydyng of all maner of stuff requisite to the same, Great tymber and stone alonely excepte, whiche shall be alway at the propre charge and costys of the sayd byshoppe and of hys successors appoyntyd assygned and by hys or ther officers delyveryd accordyngly as nede shall require. And as for all the Reparacions and all other charges of the foresayd Wynde Mylne they shall always duryng the sayd terme be borne and susteynyd by the sayd Henry and by hys assygnes at ther propre costes and charges. And moreover the sayd Henry Gardyner covenautith and grauntith that he and hys assygnes shall withe in the tyme and space of twoo yeres nexte ensewyng and folloyng the date of thyse present Indentures make or cause to be mayd by the viewe helpe and advyse of the generall Surveyor or other officer therunto appoyntyd by the said bushoppe or by hys successors a trewe, a playne and a sufficient terryar or terryall of all the arable landys medowes groundes closures and pastures to the sayd Maner belongyng, and the sayd terror or terryall shall engrosse and put in wrytyng indentyd to be mayd in parchement betwene the sayd bushoppe or hys successors, and the foresayd Henry, hys executors or assygnes. And thys to be done at the propre costys and charges of the sayd Henry, etc. And also the sayd Henry Gardyner covenautith and grauntithe and by thise presents byndyth hymselfe, etc., that he and hys assygnes shall not dimyse sette or lette over the sayd Maner or any parte thereof to any persone or persons whiche hathe or here aftyr may have in possession or in use any landys or tenements withe in the sayd towne off Norton or therunto adjoyning duryng the sayd terme, ne yet to any other persone or persons, but onely to suche as will kepe hys or thare habitacion and dwellyng uppon the sayd Maner place, with owt the expresse licence of the sayd bushoppe or hys

successors. And further the sayd Henry covenanthis, etc., and byndyth [*Folio 125*] hymselffe, hys heyres and executors, that he and hys assynges shall not at any tyme hereafter duryng the said terme converte or put eny arable lande or grounde belongyng to the same Maner or ferme lately usyd in tyllage in to pasture by reason wheroff eny plugh or halffe plugh shall or may be decayd or caste down contrary to the tenure and forme off eny acte or statute in thys behalffe mayd or provydyd. And yff it happen the foresayd yerely Rente or Rentes of *iiij*l*i. iijs. iiij*d*.* or eny parte or parcell therof to be behynde and not payd by the space of one monythe nexte foloyng eny one of the foresayd too festys in eny yere, Then it shalbe lawfull to the sayd bushoppe and hys successors by hys or thare generall Receyveor Surveyor or other officer to enter into the sayd Maner, etc., and there to distreyn, and the distresses so takyn to chace cary dryve away and deteyne unto suche tyme as the sayd yerely Rente, etc., with there arrerages, yff eny suche be, shall be fully satisfyed and payd. And yff the sayd yerely Rente of *iiij*l*i. iijs. iiij*d*.*, etc., be not payd wythe in too monethes nexte foloyng the sayd festys, or yff eny other article covenant or agrement above rehersyd, be it in the affirmatyve or in the negatyve, be broken and not observyd in the defaulte of the sayd Henry hys executors or assynges, And yff the sayd defalte or defaultes be not reformyd amendyd and redressyd by the sayd Henry, etc., wythe in one yere nexte after the sayd defaultes be commytted and done, or omytted and not done, by the sayd Henry, etc., accordyng to the trewe meanyng and intende of thise presents, so that the sayd Henry, etc., be warnyd therof in the open courte at Norton to be holden, That then it shall be lawfull to the sayd bushoppe and hys successors by hys or ther officers to re-enter into the sayd Maner and other the premysse, and the foresayd Henry and hys assynges clerely and holy to expell and put owt, thys present Lease or Indenture or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. In wytnes of all and singuler the premisses either of the parties above namyd to these present Indentures interchaungeably have put ther sealys the day and yere above-wrytyn.

[Signed] 'Johes Lincoln' Epūs.

And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln for ourselves and our successors, as far as in us lies, approve and confirm the aforesaid lease. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal to these presents. Dated at Lincoln, in our chapter-house, 3 May, 1533.

Folio 125d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CARLETON WITH THURLBY—On chapter-day, 10 May, 1533, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Edward Higgins, doctor of decrees, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Careleton with Thurlby, vacant by resignation of Master John Underhill, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present the precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby.

PRESENTATION TO THE OFFICE OF BIBLE READER AT LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD—On June 14 the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby, assembled in the choir at parley after vespers, unanimously decreed that Alexander Tathewell, of the society of poor

clerks, should be presented to the rector and fellows of Lincoln College, Oxford, for the office of Bible reader in the same, and they made the presentation in writing according to custom.

GRANT OF A SEPULCRAL SLAB TO MR. CHRISTOPHER MASSINGBERD—On chapter-day, 21 June, 1533, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby, forming a chapter, after some discussion among themselves they unanimously granted to their brother Master Christopher Massingberde the chancellor, a very large marble stone near the image of St. Mary in the south aisle of the cathedral, on which no writing or sculpture appears, so that when the chancellor shall have departed this life (*ab hac luce migraverit*) he may be buried under that stone without objection from the dean and chapter, and for this right of burial and for the stone he gave 40s. for the sustentation of the cathedral, which he paid then and there into the hands of the masters of the works.

CONCERNING THE RESIDENTARIES' CANONICAL FARMS—On chapter-day, June 28, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and forming a chapter, after some discussion among themselves about their canonical farms, each reported himself to be content with his own, except Master James Mallet, the precentor, who with the consent of his brethren accepted Glenthams as his canonical farm for the next year.

Folio 126.

ADMISSION OF POOR CLERKS—On the same day at parley after vespers in the choir, Thomas Cartwright and William Sutton were admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks, in the presence of the above-named.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On chapter-day, August 16, the sub-dean, precentor, chancellor and Fotherby being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, the dean and treasurer being absent out of the town, they elected the sub-dean and Fotherby as auditors of accounts of the common for this year.

CONCERNING THE BISHOP'S ORDINARY VISITATION—On 27 August, 1533, the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean and Fotherby, received the letters monitory and citatory of John, bishop of Lincoln, to undergo his ordinary visitation on 4th September next in the chapter-house according to the custom hitherto in use, together with any continuation and prorogation of the same; and these letters they ordered to be affixed over the dean's stall in the choir, as has been the custom before-time in like cases.

PERSONAL INSTALLATION TO THE CANONRY AND PREBEND OF BRAMPTON—On September 7 Master John Hawkes, canon and prebendary of Brampton, was personally installed in the same and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and Fotherby.

LETTERS PATENT GRANTING THE KEEPERSHIP OF THE OLD TEMPLE TO DAVID GRIFFYTH—To all, etc., Greeting in the Lord. Know ye that

for the good service done in many ways to us and our cathedral church of Lincoln by our beloved son and servant David Griffithe, we have ordained, constituted and deputed him as keeper of our lodging (*hospicii*) at the Old Temple, London, with the gardens thereof, for the term of his life, and have given and granted to him for life the office of keeper of the said lodging, as also all the profits of the great garden there as well in the presence as in the absence of us and [*Folio 126*] our successors, and of the smaller gardens enclosed separately by themselves only in our absence, and also both in our absence and presence a certain house formerly built to live in, with a lower house commonly now called Le Parler, and a certain small chamber near the parlour on its western side, To have and to occupy that office by himself or his sufficient deputy and all the profits of the said gardens together with aforesaid house, area, and chamber, as expressed below, for the term of the life of the said David Gryffythe. Moreover we have given, granted and by these presents confirmed to the said David a robe of the suit of our valets, and an annual rent of 40s. for the exercise of the said office and for the custody of the lodging and gardens, to be received yearly from us and our successors during his life out of the issues and profits of our manor or demesne of Bukden at the hands of our provost, bailiff, or farmer there, or of the receiver-general of us or our successors for the time being at Easter and Michaelmas by equal portions. And if it happen that the said rent of 40s. be in arrear for one month after the feast at which it ought to be paid, then it shall be lawful for the said David to enter into the said manor of Bukden and distrain and to carry or drive off his distrains, and retain them until full satisfaction be made to him for the said robe and annual rent with the arrears, if any. Now the house formerly built for a dwelling, granted to the said David, contains 58 ft. in length and 24 ft. in breadth, one head abutting on the chapel of our lodging on the south, and the other head on the king's highway on the north. Also the said lower house, called the parler, is situated on the western side of the other house, and contains in length from south to north 20 ft., and in breadth 12 ft. ; and the small chamber below the said parlour contains 10 ft. in length and the same in breadth. In witness whereof we have affixed our seal to these presents. Dated in our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 16 July, 1532, the 12th of our consecration.

And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for ourselves and our successors, as far as in us lies, accept, [*Folio 127*] approve, ratify, and by these presents confirm all and singular the fore-going grants. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal. Dated at Lincoln, in our chapter-house, 13 September, 1533.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On September 14, at parley after vespers, John Bratun, 21 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter and their successors, and to observe the statutes of the house of poor clerks, and to keep the bread, wine and wax (*de custodiendo panem vinum et ceram*) in the chapel to be assigned to him, according to custom.

TWELFTH YEAR OF MR. PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 22 September, 1533, in the 12th year of office of Master Peter Effard, notary public, chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, September 22, Masters George Henage, dean, James Mallet, precentor, Christopher Massyngberde, chancellor, John Pryn, treasurer, John Talbot, sub-dean, and Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, canon-residentiary, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house and forming a chapter, account was rendered of the common for the preceding year, and this being done, proceeding to the election of a provost of the common for the next year they unanimously chose Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, as in his course, and granted him such power as other provosts have had in times past.

Then they unanimously elected Masters Christopher Massyngberde the chancellor, as senior, and James Mallet the precentor, [*Folio 127d.*] as junior, masters of the works; Master John Pryn, the treasurer, as supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burghersh; Master John Talbot, the sub-dean, as supervisor of the house of choristers; and the said Master Talbot as supervisor of the head and shrine of bishop Hugh, for the next year.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF OLIVER SUTTON—Lastly, at the same time and place, the dean in his own name and that of his brethren conferred, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry of Oliver Sutton in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of Henry Hopwoode, on *Dom.* John Jackson, chaplain, and instituted him in the same on taking the oath to cherish and observe to the utmost of his power the foundation and ordinances thereof, and thereupon he had letters of collation under the common seal.

LEASE OF LAND TO BUILD A WINDMILL—On chapter-day, September 28, in the chapter-house, indentures made between the dean and chapter of the one part, and Thomas Storre, of the city of Lincoln, Mylner, of the other, concerning the lease of a piece of land containing "duo Le Lees" for building a windmill, were subscribed by the sub-dean, chancellor, treasurer, and Fotherby, then and there forming the chapter, the dean and precentor being absent out of the city.

WILL OF THOMAS CABROUNE, OF SALTFLETBY—*In Dei nomine, Amen.* The xiiijth day of the monyth of July in the yere of our Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundrethe xxxiiij I, Thomas Cabroune of Saltfletby All Halloys, hole in mynde and good off memory beyng makes thys my testament and laste will in forme foloyng. Fyrste, I bequethe my soule to God All-mygthy, our blessyd lady St. Mary, and unto all the celestiaall cumpeny of heven, And my body to be buryed with in the churche of All Halloys aforesayd, my mortuary to be payd aftry the Rate and substance of my goods. Item, I bequethe unto our Lady of Lincoln, xij*d.* Item, unto our Ladys warke, iiij*d.* Item, to the high altare of All Halloys in Saltfletby for tithys and tenths forgottyn, xij*d.* Item, to the ymage of or Lady in St. Nicholes qwere, xij*d.* Item, to the Reperacions of the

churche of Saltfletby before namyd, iijs. iiij*d*. Item, to the churche warkes of Thurstrop xi*d*. Item, to every one of my godchyldren one [*Folio 128*] Lamme. Item, to every chylde of William Plater of Somarcotys Peter one Lamme. Item, to every chylde of John Cabroune of Hatton my brother one Lamme. Item, to the Reperacions of the churchewarke of St. Botulphe in Skydbroke xi*d*. Item, to Cecill Skypwith my servaunt one yowe. Item, to Agnes Cabroune my wyffe xx*li*. and all my housholde stuff. Item, to Briget and Margaret Cabroune my daughters x marks, and to either of theym one complete bed. Item, to Bryan Cabroune my sun x*li*. Item, to John Cabroune my sun, vi*li*. Item, to Thomas Cabroune my sun, vi*li*. xiijs. iiij*d*. Item, to Christopher Cabroune my sun, vi*li*. Item, to Robert Cabroune my sun, iiij*li*. Item, I will that yff it fortune any of my chyldren before-namyd to decesse, as God forbyd yff it be hys pleasur or they cum to lawfull age, that then the bequeste of the chylde or chylderen so decessyd remayn unto theym y^t lyffys, and equally to be devydyd emonges theym lyffing. Item, I will and commaundys that x markes be disposyd in peny and halffepeney dole unto the pore people and in warkes of pety for the helthe of my soule the day of my buryng, And one trentall off messys to be celebrate in the churche of All Halloys for me, my benefactors and all crystien soulys. The Resydue of all my goodes not bequethyd nor gyffyn I gyff and bequethe to Agnes Cabroune my wyffe, and to Bryan Cabroune my sun whome I make my faythfull executors y^t they may pay my dettes and fulfyll this my hole and laste will, and to dispose for the helthe of my soule as they shall thynke moste expedyent to the plesur of God in tyme to come withe the supervision of John Cabroune aforesayd my brother and William Plater of South Somercotes, and either of them to have for ther labor and paynes takyng, vjs. viij*d*. Thes wytnessys, syr John Gybson, syr William Broune, syr William Hunte, chapelens, Martyn Furnasse, William Broune, John Fysher, Thomas Broune, *cum multis aliis*.

Proved before George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, at Lincoln on 10 October, 1533, and administration of all goods of the deceased within their jurisdiction committed to the before-named executors, who were sworn in due form of law.

CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF NOMINATION TO THE OFFICES OF CHIEF WATCHMAN AND CONSTABLE OF THE CLOSE—On chapter-day, Saturday, 25 October, 1533, in the chapter- [*Folio 128d.*] house, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, canon-residentiary and in minor residence, being assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, and treating about the nomination and collation to the offices of principal watchman and constable of the Galilee, vacant by the death of Richard Laveroke, who held those offices, the cost and burden of which is notoriously known to be borne by the canons residentiary, at length the said chapter, intending as they asserted, to gratify the dean, unanimously granted to him the right of conferring those offices for that turn.

CONCERNING THE LANDS, ETC., GIVEN FOR THE USE OF THE FABRIC—At the same time, etc., the chapter appointed Master Richard Bevercotes their bailiff to supervise certain lands and tenements which they had

lately of the gift of Robert Browne of Newarke, esq.,¹ for the use of the fabric of the cathedral, in Hyklyng, Wynthorp with Holme, Weston *cum membris*, Hedon and Upton, co. Nott. And they granted the said lands and tenements to the said Richard Bevercotes to farm for the term of his life and for one whole year after, paying yearly to the dean and chapter cs., as will appear more fully in the indentures to be made thereupon.

INSTITUTION TO A CHANTRY IN "LE IRONS"—On November 29, at parley in the choir after vespers were finished, *Dom.* Robert Parsyvall was admitted to one of the chantries founded for the souls of the Duchess of Lancaster and the Countess of Westmorland in "le Irons" near the steps of the high altar in the cathedral, vacant by death of Richard Bayly, on the presentation of King Henry VIII, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the foundation and rules of the chantry; present the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean.

(Afterwards for certain causes he renounced his right, and begs anew another presentation, as appears afterwards.)

ADMISSION TO THE OFFICES OF VICARS' PROVOSTS—On November 30, at parley after vespers, present then in the choir the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, Master Richard Hatfelde, vicar of the first form, and Nicholas Hybleyn, vicar of the second form, were admitted provosts of their respective forms, and they took the oaths to note all and singular the defaults of the vicars according to ancient custom, and to present them to the chapter on chapter-days, as before customary.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF HUGH WALMESFORTH—On the day of the Conception of the B.V.M., December 8, at parley in the choir after vespers, it was unanimously agreed and ordained by Masters George Henage, dean, James Mallet, precentor, Christopher Massyngberde, chancellor, John Pryn, treasurer, and John Talbot, sub-dean, then and there present, Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby being detained by bodily sickness in his residence, that to the chantry of Master Hugh Walmesforthe then vacant by the dimission of Robert Parsyvall, the chancellor should nominate a chaplain for that turn for his next course, notwithstanding that both the treasurer and the sub-dean come before the chancellor in nominations, on condition however that to chantries and other benefices belonging to the collation of the chapter henceforth falling vacant the treasurer shall have the first, the sub-dean the second, and the dean the third nomination, in course, and thereafter according to the order of the register. And when this agreement and ordinance

¹ Robert Browne has already appeared (p. 108) as appointed in October, 1528, jointly with Thomas Lihlow, to the office of auditor to the dean and chapter. His further offices and honours will appear by his epitaph, as given by Thoroton, on a high marble tomb in Newark parish church, in brass upon the upper edge:—*Hic jacet Robertus Browne, Arm. et Agnes uxor ejus, Nuper Aldermannus Gildæ S. Trinitatis hujus Ecclesie, et Constabularius Castellî, et principalis Senescallus libertatis hujus villæ, ac etiam Receptor tam Thomæ Wulsy, Cardinalis Ebor. quam Domini Johannis Longland, Episcopi Lincoln', præterea Vice-comes Com. Nott'. et Derb', et insuper Custos Rotulorum, tam in Com. Nott', quam in partibus de Kesteven in Com. Linc'.* Qui quidem Robertus obiit 10 die mensis Decembris, A.D. 1532. By his will, dated 4 September, and proved at York, 16 December, 1532, he left the above-named lands to the dean and chapter for 19 years, the rents to be applied towards the reparation and mending of our Lady's work in the cathedral. Richard Bevercotes to whom they granted the lands to farm was one of his executors. *Testamenta Ebor.* vj, 28.

had been made *Dom.* William Johnson on the nomination of the chancellor was admitted to the said chantry of Hugh Walmesforth, and took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the foundation of the chantry, as contained in the Black Book.

ADMISSION OF POOR MEN OF ST. GILES—On December 14, in the choir at parley after vespers, Thomas Turpyn was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles without Lincoln, on the nomination of Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, as in his course, and took the oath of obedience to the dean and chapter, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean.

Similarly on January 4, Christopher Wellys was admitted on the nomination of Christopher Massynberde, the chancellor :

And on January 16, William Browne, on the nomination of John Pryn, the treasurer, in his course.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—On January 10, at parley after vespers in the choir, Robert Basse was admitted chorister on the nomination of the precentor by reason of his dignity.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF STOWE IN LYNDSEY—On 4 February, 1533, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* Nicholas Smyth, chaplain, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Stowe in Lyndsey, vacant by death of Master Richard Parker, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor for this, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book ; present the dean, precentor, and sub-dean.

WILL OF RICHARD LAVEROKE PRINCIPAL WATCHMAN AND CONSTABLE OF THE CLOSE—On Saturday, February 7, being chapter-day, the will of Richard Laveroke, late of the Close of Lincoln, gent., was proved, as follows :

In Dei nomine, Amen. The eighth day of October, 1533, I Richarde Laveroke of the Close of Lincoln, of hole mynde and goode memory makyth my testament and laste will in maner and forme foloyng : Fyrste, I commende my soule to God Allmyghty, our lady Saynt Mary, and to all the holy cumpeny of heven, my wretchyd body to be buryed wythin the cathedrall church of our lady of Lincoln by the licence off the masters off our lady warke, and to gyff xxs. for brekyng of the grounde and lying there. Also for our Lady warke vjs. viiij*d.* Also I bequethe to the parson of Mary Magdalene my beste gowne for my mortuary, and ijs. for any of my forgotten tithes or offeryngs. Also I gyff and bequethe for one obbyt to be done and songen in Mary Magdalene church the day of my buryall wyth a trentall of messes, every preste to have iiij*d.*, paryshe clerkes i*d.*, and children that can syng haveyng surples or ratchettes¹ i*d.*, to the somme of xiijs. iiiij*d.* Also I will that fyve pryncipall serges² be sette abowte the herce, and to pay for the waste of them to the parson or hys depute as myn executors can agre. Also I will that syx torches be hyryd of the Plough gylde and other too to have of dewty by reason that I am brother thereof, and to pay for the waste of sex torches ijs. And I will that eight pore men beryng the same torches have xvij*d.* Also

¹ Ratchette or rochet. "The rochet is only a modification of the surplice, as the surplice is of the alb." (*New Engl. Dict.*).

² Ciges, or wax candles.

I bequeth to the church warke of Mary Magdalens vjs. viiij*d.* Also I will that one honeste preste syng for my soule in the sayd church by the space of one hole yere, and he to have for hys stipende fyve pounds in money, and I will that he say daly dirige during the [*Folio 130*] same yere, and commendacion withe the Collecte, *Deus summa spes* aftyr the order of Saynt Gregory trentall, and the messes aftyr the order of the same. And I will that aftyr my buryall one obyt be done in the cathedrall church of Lincoln and distributyd by the vice-chaunceler as foloyth, that is to say, to the masters chanons residenciaries xs. iiij*d.*, ijs. to my lord deane, and to other fyve chanons viijs. iiij*d.*; to the preste that synges the messe, xij*d.*; the diacon and sub-diacon, iiij*d.*; Custos Petri, xij*d.*; to the olde vicares and yong, xiijs. iiij*d.*; to the chauntry prestes and vj chaplans, xvjs. iiij*d.*; to the pore clerkes, xxij*d.*; to the choristers, ijs.; to the sacriston, iiij*d.*; hys clerke ij*d.*; clerke of the chapitur, vj*d.*; clerke of the commune chamber, vj*d.*; and the principall vigill, xvij*d.* [*written over vj*d.**]; clerke of the warke, iiij*d.*; iiij virgers, xij*d.*; the porter, iiij*d.*; too vigills of Saynt Hugh, iiij*d.*; to the sub-chaunter and vice-chancellor, vj*d.*; to the lay sacriston and the bell-ryngers, xxd.; to the clerke of Saynt Johns altare, ij*d.*; to Master thesaurer or hys depute, xd. for wayste of fyve Seargys. Also I will that the brynger of Saynt Anne herce have for hys labor iiij*d.* Also I will that xls. be distrybutyd in almys to pore foolkes the day of my buryall. Also I bequethe to every of the foure orders of Frerys of Lincoln, iijs. iiij*d.* Also I bequethe to Elizabethe Laveroke my wyffe in money xxli., one salte with a cover of sylver halffe gylte, and also xij sponys of sylver, also a standyng cuppe with a cover sylver and gylte, and a lyttyll bowle of sylver pouncyd parcell gylte. Also I bequethe to my sun in lawe John Hall and to my daughter Elizabethe Hall hys wyffe a lyttyll standyng cuppe with a cover sylver and gylte, and also a gret bowlle of sylver parcell gylte, and aftyr bothe ther departures of thys worlde then to remayn and be gyven to ther ij chylder, Cristofore and Gylberte Hall, or to one of them that lyffythe longyste. Also I bequethe to my sayd sun John Hall too gownes, the beste aftyr my mortuary, and a gowne to my daughter hys wyffe, furreyd or lynyd, as my wyffe shall thynke beste. Also to my sun Hall my beste dooblet and my beste jacket, also a fether bed and bolster, yff my wyffe may spare the same. Also I bequethe to my olde fellowe and frende Robert Shawe one gowne, furreyd or lynyd, as my wyffe shall thynke beste. Also to my olde loveyng frende sir Robert Owbray to have hys prayers vjs. viij*d.* Also to my sun in lawe John Hall my beste hope of golde, [*Folio 130d.*] and aftyr hys departure of thys worlde, then to remayn and gyffyn to my daughter Elizabeth hys wyffe, and aftyr her departure to there too sonnys Cristofore and Gylbert, or to one of them that lyffythe longyst. Also I bequethe to Maister Peter Effard my secunde beste hoope of golde for a tokyn, and aftyr hys departure of thys worlde then to remayn and gyffyn to Jane Effarde hys wyfe to have it delyveryd to her thys same ringe for a remembraunce. Also to my daughter Elizabeth Hall my thurde hoope of golde, also a ringe of base golde with a stone therin, and aftyr her departure to gyff them to Cristofer or Gylberte, or to one of them that lyffythe longyste. And so I will that the sayd John Hall and Elizabethe hys wyffe do not clame any more for ther partes, but be contente with thys same, and with that I gave them at the day of ther mariage. And also I will, desire

and pray Master Peter Effarde and Jane hys wyffe to be contente in ikewyse with that thinge I gaffe them at the day of ther sayd mariage. Also I bequethe to the Olde Vicars of the churche of Lincoln vli. of lawfull money of Ynglande, and a gardyn with thre pounds, and one house within the same as it lyethe in Bagerholme adjonyng to St. Hugh crofte within the suburbes of the citie of Lincoln, for one obbyt to be done yerely for my soule as more plainely dothe appere in a pare of Indentures betwene me and the sayd olde vicares beryng date the eight day of October, 1533, whereof the parte sealyd by the sayd olde vicars remanyth in the chiste of our Lady warke of the churche off Lincoln, and the other parte sealyd by me remanyth with the sayd olde vicars. And all the Resydewe of my goods, etc., (my dettes payd and funerall expenses done) I gyff and bequethe to Elizabeth Laveroke my wyffe holy my goods moveabell and unmoveable, and also I make here holy my sole executrix of thys my laste will and testament, and Master Peter Effarde and John Hall my bothe sonnys in lawe to be as co-adjutors and helpers to gyffe ther beste advyse and counsell to my sayd wyffe for fulfylling of my sayd testament, and they to have for ther sayd labors and panys, other of them, xs. In wytnes wherof I have subscribyd my name with my owne hande. Thes wytnesses, Syr Roberte Arnolde, parson of Mary Magdalens, syr Richerde Haryson, syr John Lambe, syr Rayff Balgewe, syr Robert Parsivall, and syr John Hall. Yeven at Lincoln the day and yere abovesayd.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The aforesaid will was proved and admitted before George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln in [*Folio 131*] the chapter-house, on 7 February, 1533, and declared to be true and lawful, and administration thereof was committed to Elizabeth Laveroke, relict of the deceased, the executrix named therein, who was sworn in form of law. In witness whereof we have affixed our common seal.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF GLENTHAM—On chapter-day, February 21, the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, on the nomination of the precentor by reason of his canonical farm of Glenthams, *Dom.* John Clerke, pbr., was presented to the vicarage of Glenthams, vacant by death of Thomas Hawe, and the presentation was issued in the name of the dean and chapter under their common seal to the bishop or to his vicar-general in spirituals.

INDUCTION TO THE SAME—On March 4, the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, on authority of letters from Master John Rayne, doctor of either law, vicar-general and official principal of the bishop, inducted the said John Clerke into the vicarage of Glenthams, and wrote to all and singular for his induction.

GRANT OF THE NEXT PRESENTATION TO THE PREBEND OF AYLESBURY—To all, etc.—John, by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, Greeting in the Lord. Know ye that we have given and granted and by these presents have confirmed to the lord Thomas, earl of Wiltes and Urmond, to John Sakevile, esq., and Richard Sakevile, gent., his son, and to each of them jointly and separately the advowson, nomination and presentation to the prebendal church of Aylesbury for the next vacancy thereof only, so long as it is in our patronage and belongs to our collation, so that it shall be lawful for the said nobleman (*eidem nobili et illustri viro*) and to

the aforesaid John and Richard or one of them to present any able, fit and admissible person to us or our successors whenever it shall next happen to become vacant by resignation, cession, dimission or any other [*Folio 131d.*] way, and to do all other things which are requisite for such first and next vacancy, provided always that after they have made such nomination and presentation on the said first and next vacancy, the whole right of patronage of the said prebend of Aylesbury shall revert to us and our successors, notwithstanding this grant. In witness whereof we have commanded our seal to be affixed to these presents. Given under our seal 15 February, 1533, the 13th of our consecration.

[*Signed*] Jo: Lo: Lincoln'.

And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, as far as belongs to us and by law we can (saving always the right and prerogative of our lord the king), approve, ratify and confirm the foregoing grant. In witness whereof our common seal is affixed to these presents. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 5 March, 1533.

INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CHANTRIES IN "LE IRONS"—On March 15, at parley in the choir after vespers, Robert Parcyvall, clerk, was admitted to one of the chantries founded for the souls of the Duchess of Lancaster and Countess of Westmorlande in "le Irons" at the steps of the high altar, vacant by resignation, on the presentation of Henry VIII, king of England and France, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the foundation and rules of the chantry, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean.

Folio 123.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—At the same time, etc., John Myddylton, poor clerk and acolyte, was presented to receive the order of the sub-diaconate on the Saturday on which *Sitientes*,¹ etc., is sung in church at the office of the mass, examination being first held by the chancellor according to custom.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—On March 24 Thomas Hardy was admitted as a poor man of St. Giles without Lincoln, on the nomination of the dean in his course, and took the oath of canonical obedience, in the presence of the dean, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF W. WOLF AND R. STRETTON—On chapter-day, 28 March, 1534, in the chapter-house, present the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, *Dom.* Leonerd Lee, pbr., was admitted to the chantry founded in the cathedral for the souls of William Wolffe and Richard Stretton, vacant by resignation of John Hall, and was canonically instituted in the same, and took the oaths of obedience and observance, etc., as in the Black Book.

COMMISSION TO COLLECT PENTECOSTALS IN LEICESTER ARCHDEACONRY—On 2 April, 1534, a commission in the name of the dean and chapter, sealed with their common seal, was issued to William Herberde of Thornimaston, apparitor of the deanery of Gascote in the archdeaconry

¹ That is on the Saturday before the 5th Sunday in Lent (Passion Sunday), *Sitientes* being the first word of the Introit for that day.

of Leicester, to collect the pentecostals, otherwise called Smoke Ferthynges through the whole of that archdeaconry, and to render account of his receipts, when called upon.

PRESENTATIONS FOR ORDERS—At the same time, etc., Thomas Marston, John Myddylton, and Thomas Cartewright, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the Holy Saturday of Easter, viz., Marston and Myddylton, being sub-deacons, the diaconate, and Cartewright, the order of acolyte : they were examined by the chancellor according to custom.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR-CHORAL OF THE SECOND FORM—On April 6, in the choir at parley after vespers, John Bolde was admitted as vicar-choral of the second form, and took the oaths as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean.

INDENTURE CONCERNING THE TOWN OF NEWARK, ETC.—This indenture made between John bishop of Lincoln, of the one part, and Anthony Foster and Eleonor his wife, of the other, witnesseth that the said John bishop of Lincoln, hath delivered, granted, and to farm let, and by these presents doth deliver, grant and to farm let, to the said Anthony and Eleonor, all those messuages, [*Folio 132d.*] lands and tenements, granaries, cottages, tofts, crofts, shops, gardens, meadows, grazings, pastures, closes, enclosures, rents, fishing in the water of Devyn from Marcubrydge to the end of the town of Haughton, and the pannage of swine, and the herbage of the castle of Newarke, co. Nott. Also the closes, enclosures, and islands with the willows, sallows and osiers (*cum salicibus siloribus¹ seu veminibus*) wheresoever growing in them, with void or waste pieces of land, with the assessment of hay (*cum solis seu fundis vac' seu vastat' cum taxacione feni*), with all their appurtenances, as they lie and are situated in the town and fields of Newarke, Northgate and Farindon, co. Nott., appertaining and belonging to the castle of Newarke, and parcel of the demesne or manor thereof, and which were lately in the tenure of Robert Browne. Moreover the said bishop has granted and to farm let to the said Anthony and Eleonor those five water and corn mills (*aquatica et bladatum*) as well as those two Fulling or Fullers' mills in Newarke, and the fishery under the castle, and the whole several water round Newarke, and the pasture called Tolney with the houses situated therein, and the rabbit warren in Tolney, and also the manor of Balderton by Newark with the demesne lands, etc., belonging to the said manor. Moreover he has granted, etc., to them all that toll which belongs or shall belong to the bishop and his successors within the town, demesne or manor of Newarke, as well as the toll of the whole wapentake, and the farm thereof, to have and to hold all the aforesaid messuages, lands, tenements, etc., waters, fishing and fisheries, pannages, herbages, islands, willows, sallows (*sillaria¹*) or osiers, mills, warren, manor of Balderton, toll and the farm thereof, and all and singular the premises, to them, their executors and assigns from the feast of St. Michael the archangel next to the end of the term of thirty years next following. Rendering therefor yearly to the said bishop and his successors ninety-six pounds, six

¹ *Siloribus*, *Sillaria*; cp. Latin *Siler*, a species of willow or osier. Virgil's *Molle Siler*, Georg. II, 12.

shillings and eight pence, viz. for the said messuages, etc., twenty-six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence, and for the said water and corn mills twenty-nine pounds, and for the pasture called Tolney, twelve pounds, and for the farm of the rabbit-warren forty-six shillings and eight [*Folio 133*] pence, and for the manor of Balderton four pounds, and for the toll and the farm thereof sixteen pounds, and for the Fulling mills three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, to be paid by equal portions at the feasts of the Annunciation and Michaelmas. And if it happen that the said rent of £96 6s. 8d. be in arrear in part or in whole, and not paid for the space of four weeks after either of these two feasts, then it shall be lawful for the bishop or his successors to enter into the said premises or any part of them, and to distrain for the said rent in arrear, and to retain the distrains so taken until full satisfaction and payment be made to them for the said rent and arrears, and if there be no sufficient distrain therefrom for the space of a quarter of a year, then it shall be lawful for the bishop and his successor to re-enter into all the said messuages, etc., and to have again, possess, and enjoy them in their pristine state, this indenture and lease notwithstanding. And the said Anthony and Eleonor, their executors and assigns, shall at their own cost and expense during the said term repair, sustain and maintain the messuages, etc., parcel of the aforesaid manor of Newark let to them for £26 13s. 4d., and the bishop and his successors shall repair, etc., all the other houses and the mills both for corn and for fulling, as well as the bridge and causeway (*calcetum, Anglice, a causy*), with le Floodegate, and all other matters of building or repair to the aforesaid mills and houses, both under water and above, at their own cost and expense whensoever and as often as it be necessary, except mill-stones and implements of brass (*molaes et instrumenta enea*) necessary for the corn-mills, which the said Anthony and Eleonor, their executors and assigns, shall find, repair and maintain. And if it happen in default of such repairs to be done by the bishop or his successors the mills or any of them stand or stop so that they cannot [*Folio 133d.*] grind, that then and as often as this shall happen, the said bishop and his successors shall allow, or cause allowance to be made to the said Anthony and Eleonor, etc., in the payment of their rent of a certain rate and portion in proportion to the default and their loss of the profits of the mills. Provided always that the present deed indented be null and void and of no effect as regards the executors and assigns of the said Anthony and Eleonor on their decease. And provided always that it shall be lawful for the bishop and his successors for the adornment of the market-place or town of Newarke to transform, remove, or utterly destroy the shops above specified, as it shall seem good to them, reserving always the benefit and profits of the ground on which they are built to the said Anthony and Eleonor during the aforesaid term. In witness whereof the said John, bishop of Lincoln, has affixed his seal to the one part of the above indenture remaining with the said Anthony and Eleonor, and they have affixed their seals to the other part remaining with the bishop. Dated 14 April, 1534, 25 Henry VIII.

And be it known that the words interlined in the foregoing indenture, viz.—*Sex solidorum* in line 20 ; *Penes*, in line 22 ; *Omnibus possidere*, in line 24 ; *Aquam*, in line 28 ; *Sive ville*, and *Removere*, in line 36, were interlined with the assent of the above-named parties, before the sealing and delivery thereof.

[Signed] J^{oh}es Lincoll'.

And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for ourselves and our successors, as far as in us lies and by law we can, accept, approve, ratify, and by these presents confirm to the said Anthony Foster and Eleonor his wife, the grants, leases, etc., contained in the indentures hereunto annexed. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 22 April, 1534.

Folio 134.

WILL OF DOM: RICHARD BAYLIE—*In Dei nomine, Amen.* The fyrste day of September the yere of o^r Lorde God mⁱ fyve hundrethe and xxxiiijty, I syr Richerde Bayle, vicare chorall in the cathedrall churche of our Lady in Lincoln, hole of mynde and memory makyth my laste will and testament aftyr thys maner foloyng. Firste, I bequethe my soule to Allmyghty God, our lady St. Mary, and all the company in heven, and my body to be buryed with in the monastery¹ above namyd upon the sowthe syde nexte the sepulture of William Horwoode. Also I bequethe to our Lady warkes for my buryall xxs. Also to the sayd warkes viij*d.* Also to the high altare v*d.*, to St. Hughe hede v*d.* Item, for my obbit, firste to my lorde deane, xx*d.*, to every canon Resydent xv*d.*, to the executor of obbyt and messe xij*d.*, to custos Petri xij*d.*, to the diacon and Subdiacon iij*d.*, to the Sacristaine for hys office v*d.*, to the Subchaunter and Vice-chaunler v*d.*, to every vicare chorall viij*d.*, to every chauntre preste and chaplaine v*d.*, to every pore clerke ij*d.*, to every chorister ij*d.*, to the clerke of Revestry ij*d.*, to the clerke of Chapitre v*d.*, to the clerke of commune chamber v*d.*, to the Constable of churche v*d.*, to the iij virgers xij*d.*, to the iij bell-ryngers xij*d.*, to too vigillys v*d.*, to the porter ij*d.* Also I bequethe to Agnes Lacy my kynswoman and servaunt to Robert Day in London xls. Also to my brother Thomas Bayle vj Cushyns with Rosys the beste I have. Also to my brother Dunstane other vj cushionys. Also to my syster Helene a blewe gowne lynyd with sattyn of Sypers.² Also to my syster Byllyarde too pilloys of fustyan. Also to Janet Stow other too pilloys of fustyan. Also to syr William Moyses a blewe coveryng for a bedde, a typpyt furryd with blacke cony, and my beste hooe furryd with gray. Also I bequethe to the churche in Blyburgh a messebooke, a Surples and a candylstyke of wanescotte and carvyd; to Robert Code a tyke for a fetherbedde, to syr Rayff Balgay a Surples, to William my brother in lawe a dooblette of worstyd. Also I bequethe for a trentall to be done for the helthe of my soule and all crystyn soulys xs. The Resydue of my goods not bequethyd I will that they be disposyd and orderyd aftyr the discrecion of Thomas Bayle sun of Nicholes Bayle off Woorlaby whome I make my sole executor, and to receyve all my dewties and dettes and to dispose them for the helthe of my soule and all crysten soulys, gyffyng to hym for hys labor xs. Also I will that syr William Baytman be supervisor of this my laste will, gyffyng hym for hys labor vjs. viij*d.* In wytnes wherof—sir Jamys Tutyll, sacristone, sir John Jakson, olde vicar, sir William Moyses, sir Robert Vincent, chauntry prestes.

¹ *Monastery*; the term is here strangely and incorrectly applied to the cathedral instead of the familiar Minster, though it never was a monastic church, as must have been very evident at this date, 1533, before the suppression of the monasteries. Canon Foster in his edition of Lincoln Wills for the Lincoln Record Society notes another instance of this use of the word in a will of 1506. *Lincoln Wills*, p. 31, 254.

² *Sypers*, or *Cypres*,—a valuable quality of satin, called more fully *Satin of Cypres*, *i.e.* the island of Cyprus from which in and after Crusading times various fabrics were brought. *N.E.D.*

Folio 134d.

On 25 April, 1534, at parley in the choir after vespers, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean, the above-written will was proved, and administration committed to Thomas Bayle, the executor named therein, who was sworn in form of law.

PRESENTATION TO THE OFFICE OF BIBLE READER AT LINCOLN COLL., OXFORD—On April 26, at parley after vespers, the same unanimously decreed that William Willanton, scholar, should be presented to the rector and fellows of Lincoln College, Oxford, for the office of Bible reader in the same, and they made the presentation in writing.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LEIGHTON BROMESHOLDE—On May 6, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Richard Gwente,¹ doctor of decrees, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Leighton Bromeswolde, vacant by death of Master William Claiburgh, in the person of Master Simon Coston, constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book, present the chancellor, sub-dean, and Fotherby.

ADMISSION OF A POOR MAN OF ST. GILES—John Hall, on the nomination of the precentor, was admitted as a Poor Man of St. Giles on May 10, at parley after vespers, and took the oath of obedience, etc.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On May 26, Thomas Marston and John Myddelton, poor clerks, and deacons, were presented to receive the order of the presbyterate on Ember Saturday, being the vigil of Holy Trinity, after examination by the chancellor.

CONCERNING CERTAIN INDENTURES TO BE KEPT IN THE FABRIC CHEST—On chapter-day, June 6, in the chapter-house, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean, Fotherby being then absent, the treasurer on behalf of Master John Smyth and *Dom.* Robert Owbray, executors of *Dom.* William Gaske, deceased, exhibited certain indentures made for the ringing of the Ave Bell, in which the vicars-choral are bound to support annually the burden of the ringing of this Ave Bell. Also he exhibited other [*Folio 135*] indentures, one for the obit of Richard Whyte, formerly bedell and verger in the cathedral, and another for the obit of *Dom.* Robert Bothe, formerly rector of Sotteby, co. Lincoln, and of *Dom.* Ormund Langwathe, formerly vicar-choral, annually to be sustained by the vicars, also another indenture for the obit of Richard Laveroke, lately principal watchman and constable of the cathedral. These indentures were then placed together in one box (*in uno pixide*) in the fabric chest of the cathedral to remain there.

PERSONAL INSTALLATION IN THE PREBEND OF LEIGHTON BROMESHOLD—On August 6 Master Richard Gwente, canon and prebendary of Leighton Bromeswolde, was personally installed in the same in the form usual in such cases, and he took the oath of canonical obedience, and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnwick, as contained in the Black

¹ Dr. Richard Gwente, who was thus installed in the prebend of Leighton Bromeswolde, otherwise Leighton Ecclesia, was already chaplain to the king, and had been appointed Dean of Arches 18 September, 1532. He became archdeacon of London, 19 December, 1534, and of Huntingdon, 5 April, 1542. He was Prolocutor of Convocation in 1536, 1540, and 1541, and died in July, 1543.

Book ; present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer, sub-dean, and Fotherby.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WALTER STAURETH—On August 9, in the choir, at parley after vespers, *Dom.* Roger Ellys, vicar of the first form, was admitted to the chantry founded in the cathedral for the soul of Walter Staureth, vacant by death of Robert Weste, and took the oath of canonical obedience, as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the same.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On August 10, at parley after vespers, Edward Johnson was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and ordinances of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks, in the presence of all the residentiaries.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF WILLIAM DE THORNACO—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Hugh Salmon, vicar of the first form, was admitted to the chantry of William de Thornaco, founded in the said cathedral, vacant inasmuch as Roger Ellys, the late cantarist, had acquired another chantry.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On August 17 the above-named residentiaries being assembled and conversing about the choice of auditors of the common for this year according to custom, at length they chose the precentor and the chancellor as auditors of the account for the year.

Folio 135d.

WILL OF JOHN HALL, CHAPLAIN—On chapter-day, August 28, in the chapter-house, before the precentor, chancellor and treasurer, the will of *Dom.* John Hall, late cantarist of the chantry of William Wolff and Richard Stretton was exhibited, and then and there approved, as follows: In the name of God, Amen. The xxixty of November the yere of our Lorde God m fyve hundrethe xxxiiij, I John Hall one of the chauntry prestes of the cathedrall church of our blessyd Lady of Lincoln beyng hole of mynde and of good remembraunce make and orden thys my laste will and testament in thys maner and forme foloyng. Firste and principally I bequethe my soule unto Allmyghty God my creator, and to hys blessyd mother our lady St. Mary and to all the blessyd cumpeny in heven, and my body to be buryd with in the cathedrall church afore-sayd in eny place where the masters of the warkes thynkys moste convenyent, and they to have for the brekyng of the grounde xxs. Also I gyff to our Lady warkes in the same, xijd. Item, to the high altare in the same, vjd. Item, to the church warkes of Glentworthe, xijd. Item, to the high altare in the same, vjd. Item, to every order of Frerys in Lincoln, iiijd. Also I gyff and bequethe to Robert Hall my sun one lyttyll chiste, a sylver ring, one jacke,¹ a pare of splentes,² and one filly goyng at Fillyngham. Also to Agnes my daughter a fetherbed with the bolster, one harveste gyrdyll, a sylver spone, my gret cownter³ with the

¹ *Jacke*,—a coat of fence, a kind of sleeveless tunic or jacket, formerly worn by foot-soldiers and others, usually of leather quilted, and in later times often plated with iron. *N.E.D.*

² *Splents*, or Splints, armour or plate worn on the arms and legs for a defence. *Eng. Dial. Dict.*

³ *Counter*,—a table or desk for counting money, keeping accounts ; a bureau. *N.E.D.*

payntyd clothes in the chamber nexte the gate. Item, to Margery and Margaret my daughters, either of theym, one sylver spon. Also I bequethe to my hosteys Clement Kelstone wyffe of Fyllingham my hatte. Item, to Thomas Clerke a boke that I wrote with my hande. Item, to syr Leonerde y^t is with syr Robert Owbray xijd. Item, to the iiij felloys of the Warke Chauntry, every one of theym xijd. Item, to Master John Thorpe chaplayn my beste surplesse and my best amys hooode. Item, to syr William Hayhe chaplayn my syde gown¹ lynyd before with say,² and my beste cappe. Also I, the foresayd John Hall preste, will and declare by thys my laste will and testament,—That whereas I in my lyve dayes dyd infeofte Thomas Dymocke, esquier, with certain other co ffeoffes with hym in all my landes and tenementys with in the countie of Lincoln or with in the countie of the cite of Lincoln, as by ij dedes thereof mayd more playnely it doth appere, the whiche dedes the one berythe date the xxy day of January the yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the eight xxvty, and the other the xij day of June in the foresayd xxy yere :—The sayd Thomas Dymocke and other hys co ffeoffes in the sayd dedys namyd to be seassyd in the sayd landes to the performacion of thys my laste will and testament as in the sayd dedes it dothe appere. And I will that myn executors for ij yeres nexte and immediatly after my decesse receyve all the rentts of my lands due to be payd to th' use and performance of thys my laste will and testament and payng of my dettes. And after the sayd ij yeres be expyryd then I wyll that my sayd executors to suche tyme Robert my sun be of the full age of xxj yeres, receyve all the rentts and proffytts of all my lands and tenements and other appurtenaunces with in the [*Folio 136*] town and feldys of Glentworthe, Glenteworthethorpe, Hemswell, Atterby and Snitterby within the countie of Lincoln to the intente that they shall bestowe the proffytts of the foresayd landys to Robert my sun to the fyndyng hym at the scole, excepte that I will that my sayd executors shall pay duryng the nonage of my sayd sun to the fyndyng and the behove of Margaret my daughter xs., to be takyn furthe of the ferme that Alexander Kyrke dwellyth in in Glentworth. Also I will that my said executors shall receyve the rentts and proffytts of all my landys and tenements with in the towne and feldys of Fyllingham for the space of vij yeres, and the sayd proffytts so by them receyved after the ij yeres abovesayd be expyryd they to pay to Agnes my eldeste daughter the yerely rente of the same. Also I will that my sayd executors after the ij yeres abovesayd be expyryd shall receyve the rentes and proffytts of all my landys and tenementys lying with in the towne and feldys of Wyllyingham withe the proffytts of my mylne, callyd Castyll Mylne, within the countie of the cite of Lincoln, and the proffytts so by them receyved to pay to Margery my secound doughtter duryng the sayd vij yeres. Also I will that if it fortune Agnes, Margery and Margarete, or eny one of them to departe wythin the sayd vij yeres that the parte of theym or eny of theym unreceyvyd remayn to the longest lyver or lyvers of theym. And at th' end of the sayd vij yeres then I will that the sayd Thomas Dymocke and other his co-ffeoffes shall stande and be seasyd of all the sayd landes, etc., to the use of Robert my sun and hys heyres, and yff he dye with owt issue of hys body lawfully

¹ *Syde gown*, i.e. a long gown, reaching far down ; so side coat for a great coat, side robe, a long robe, etc. *N.E.D.*

² *Say*,—a cloth of fine texture resembling serge ; in the 16th century sometimes partly of silk, subsequently entirely of wool. *N.E.D.*

begottyn, then I will that the sayd Thomas Dymocke, etc., shall stande and be seasyd of all my sayd lands to the use of my sayd doughters and ther use [? issue], and yff eny of theym deceasse with owt heyres of ther body lawfully begottyn, then I will that the sayd Thomas Dymocke, etc., shall stande and be seasyd, etc., to the use of the longeste lyvers of theym and the heyres of ther body or bodyes lawfully begottyn. And yff it shall happyn all my sayd doughters to dye with owt issue, etc., then I will the sayd Thomas Dymok, esquier, etc., shall stande and be seasyd of all my lands, etc., to the use of Robert Hall of Gaynesburgh and hys heyres for ever, so that the sayd Robert and hys heyres, as they will answer at the dredefull day of jugement, shall fynde an honeste preste to syng in Glentworthe church by the space of one hole yere and pray for thyes soulys foloyng, John Hall and Margarete hys wyffe, Robert Hall and Agnes hys wyff, Thomas Hall, William Hall and ther wyffes, and for syr John Hall and Agnes hys wyffe with all ther frendes and all crysten soulys, and he to have for hys stypende *vii*. Also I bequethe to the Warke chauntry in the cathedrall church off Lincoln, yff it may be borne of my goods, *vjs. viiijd*. The resydue of my goods unbequethyd, my dettes payd and thys my laste will and testament performyd, I put in to the hands of Master John Thorpe and sir William Hayhe, prestes, whome I do make and orden to be my executors for to dispose theym for my soule as that they may be the better rewardyd off Allmyghty God for ther labors. And I will that [*Folio 136d.*] Master Robert Dyghton be supervisor of thys my laste will and testament to se it truly performyd yff it shall please hym so for to do, therunto I do requyre hym in the way of charyte. Thes beyng wytnes, Robert Whichecote, gentyll man, Master George Sanfurthe and Anthony Fascyt, preste, with other mo the day and yere above wryttyn. Also I will that all my tenaunts have ther fermys duryng the noneage of Robert my sun accordyng to ther leases, doyng ther duties and makyng ther reperacions.

Proved before us, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, in the chapter-house, 28 August, 1534, and administration of goods within their jurisdiction committed to the executors named therein, who were sworn in form of law. In testimony whereof they have affixed their common seal.

CONCERNING A CERTAIN TOFT AT SCOPWICK—Mem: That on 12 September, 1534, in the common room of the cathedral, before Masters James Mallet, precentor, and Christopher Massingberd, chancellor, auditors of the common account, was exhibited a writing concerning a certain toft with a messuage in the town of Scopwyk, and 19 acres and 1 perch of arable land in Scopwyk and Kyrkby, with appurtenances, liberties and easements within the town and without, with free ingress and egress, and with pasture belonging to two bovates of land with meadow adjoining; and in the same writing is contained a terrier (*terrilorium*) the same lands, etc.—To have and to hold to William Keynes and his heirs or assigns, rendering therefor to the dean and chapter yearly at the Feast of St. Michael *vjd.* for all service and payment. And be it known that it shall not be lawful for the said William, his heirs, or assigns, to give, sell, mortgage (*invadiare*), or in any way alienate the said land without the licence of the dean and chapter. In testimony whereof their common seal is hereto affixed.

INSTITUTION TO THE CHANTRY OF BISHOP WILLIAM SMYTH—On chapter-day, September 19, in the chapter-house, present the precentor, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, on the presentation of Masters Mathew Smyth and Henry Sapcotes, *Dom.* Thomas Patchet was admitted to the chantry founded for the souls of William Smyth, late bishop, and of William Smyth, late archdeacon of Lincoln, vacant by resignation of Ralph Balguy, and was instituted in the same on taking the oaths, etc.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF EDENSTOWE—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Ralph Balguy, pbr., on the nomination of Master John Pryn, treasurer, in his course, was presented to the [*Folio 137*] vicarage of Edenstowe, dioc. York, vacant by death of Robert Palden, and letters of presentation under their common seal were issued to the archbishop of York or his vicar-general in the usual form.

PRESENTATION OF A BIBLE READER IN LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD—On September 20, in the choir at parley after vespers, the chapter unanimously decreed that George Anneslay, one of the choristers, should be presented to the rector and fellows of Lincoln College, Oxford, for the office of Bible reader in the same, in writing according to custom.

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF MR. PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday being the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 21 September, 1534, in the 13th year of office of Master Peter Effarde, notary public, chapter-clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS, AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday, the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, 21 September, 1534, Masters George Henage, dean, James Mallet, precentor, Christopher Massyngberde, chancellor, John Pryn, treasurer, and John Talbot, sub-dean, assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and forming a chapter (Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby being then sick in his house of residence, and absent), account was rendered of the common for the preceding year. This being done, the chapter on the same day at parley after vespers in the choir proceeded to the election of a provost of the common for the next year, and they unanimously chose Master Christopher Massyngberde, the chancellor, for the office, as in his course. Also they unanimously elected Masters James Mallet, the precentor, as senior, and John Pryn, treasurer, as junior, masters of [*Folio 137d.*] the works; Master John Talbot, sub-dean, as supervisor of the chantry of Bartholomew Burgherse; Master James Mallet, precentor, as supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh.

ELECTION AND ADMISSION OF A KEEPER OF THE HIGH ALTAR—On chapter-day, September 26, in the chapter-house, Master John Thorpe, M.A., was admitted to the office of keeper of the high altar on the part of the common (*pro parte commune*), and took the oath of the faithful exercise of the office, present the dean, chancellor and sub-dean, the treasurer being then ministering at the high altar.

APPOINTMENT OF PROCTORS, AND PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE BY MASTER SIMON FODERBY—Mem: That on September 26,

1534, in a certain upper chamber (*alta camera*) in the dwelling of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, situated in the Close of Lincoln, before William Snawdun, notary public, and the witnesses named below the said Master Simon being sick and then lying in his bed, named, ordained, made and appointed Masters Peter Effarde, notary public, and Richard Bevercotes, clerk of the common, his proctors, jointly and severally, for the following purpose, and promised his ratification and agreement. Present, together with the said William Snawdun, *Dom.* Thomas Ingill, chaplain, Robert Jakson, literate, and me Peter Effarde, notary public.

And then on the same day, at parley in the choir after vespers, before the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, then and there assembled chapter-wise, and forming a chapter, there appeared in person the said Master Richard Bevercotes, and exhibited his proxy for the said Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, and made himself party thereto; and his proxy having been thus exhibited and admitted, he then made, read and handed in a certain protestation, which he held in his hands, to the following effect:—

In Dei nomine, Amen. Before you, the dean and chapter, the canons residentiary of this cathedral, here present and assembled chapter-wise, I, Richard Bevercotes, the sufficiently and lawfully constituted proctor of Master Simon Grene *al.* Foderby, canon residentiary and prebendary of Bedford Minor, who is now in major residence which he has duly and actually performed for 22 years, do say, allege, and in these writings propound, that the said Master Simon, my master (*dñs meus*), intends and wishes, if and as far as he is able, to [*Folio 138*] make and perform further his major canonical residence in the cathedral for the next year, and if it happen that he be hindered from performing the same according to the approved custom of the church, then I protest openly, publicly, and expressly in these writings that he wishes and intends in the next year and other years in which he may so be hindered, to perform his minor residence according to the custom of the church formerly and at present in use. And the causes of this his minor residence, I propound and declare to your reverences, are his bodily weakness proceeding from his grievous infirmity and old age, and other urgent and legitimate reasons moving him in conscience thereto. I protest however further in these writings that by this protestation of minor residence he does not intend nor wish in any way to derogate from making his major residence (*Deo dante*) the next year or from year to year, but that this major residence may be always reserved, free and entire, for him in the event of his being able to perform it, and of his wishing to return and continue it, and that he may stand in the same state, degree and seniority of residence in which he now is, when such fitting time shall come, this present protestation notwithstanding. And I protest moreover in his name [his right] to correct, amend, change, etc., the foregoing protestation when and whensoever it shall seem to him expedient, saving always to him the remedies of law.

This protestation having been read, the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean admitted it according to the statutes and laudable customs of the cathedral.

ADMISSION TO THE KEEPERSHIP OF THE HIGH ALTAR ON THE PART OF THE TREASURER—On St. Michael's day, September 29, in the choir, at parley after vespers, *Dom.* Thomas Patchet, chaplain of the chantry

for the souls of the Lord William Smyth, late bishop, and of Master William Smyth, late archdeacon of Lincoln, was admitted to the keepership of the high altar on the part of the treasurer, inasmuch as *Dom.* Robert Percyvall, late keeper, for certain reasons explained to the chapter, and approved and admitted by them, had laid down (*dimisit*) the office; then present the chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean (the dean being then out of the city, but consenting, as related by the treasurer, to this admission). And he took the oaths on the Holy Gospels of the due and faithful exercise of his office.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF HAMELDON—On September 30, the chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean were assembled at the door of the vestry, and decreed then and there that Master Richard Fowler, B.A., should be presented to the bishop for the vicarage of Hameldon, dioc. Lincoln, vacant by resignation of Master John Smyth, on the nomination of Master Christopher Massynberde, the chancellor, in right of his canonical farm there.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF LOUTH—On October 2, at the door of the vestry, the chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, then and there present in person, on the strength of letters from the bishop by whom he had been instituted, decreed the induction of Master Thomas Kendall, S.T.B., in the vicarage of the prebendal church of Louth, vacant by resignation of Master George Thomson, S.T.P., and caused him to be inducted therein; and he took the oath of canonical obedience.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF HERVEY BEEK IN NORMANBY CHURCH—On October 11, in the choir at parley after vespers, the chapter, viz. the dean, chancellor, treasurer, and sub-dean, then and there assembled, conferred, *intuitu caritatis*, the chantry founded for the soul of Hervey Beeke in the parish church of Normanby, dioc. Lincoln, vacant by resignation of *Dom.* Nicholas Cusworthe, last cantarist, by way of exchange for a chantry for the soul of Bartholomew Burgherse in the cathedral, with the assent and consent of all concerned, on *Dom.* Ralph Bradbery, pbr., and instituted him canonically in the same, and he took the oath of canonical obedience, as in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY OF BARTHOLOMEW BURGHERSHE—Then, in virtue of the said exchange, they conferred the chantry for the soul of Bartholomew Burgherse, thus vacant, on the said *Dom.* Nicholas Cusworthe, pbr., who took the oaths, etc.

MANUMISSION OF A NATIVE OF THORPE, IN THE MANOR OF LYDINGTON—To all and singular, etc.—John, by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, [*Folio 139*] Greeting, etc. We bring, and desire to bring to the knowledge of you all by these presents, that since all men from the beginning were born free, we think it a pious and meritorious act to restore to their pristine and natural liberty those whom the law of nations has subjected to servitude, know ye therefore that we for the sake (*ob favorem*) of the contraction of lawful matrimony between John Scismer, of Thorpe within our demesne of Lidyngton, co. Rutland, singleman, our native, and Margaret Maton, of Eggeton, freewoman, and for other manifold just causes urging us thereto, have manumitted in due form of law the said John Scismer and all his sons (*pueros*) lawfully to

be begotten by him and have restored him to his pristine liberty by these presents for ourselves and our successors, on condition however that he and they be faithful, favorable and helpful to us and our successors, and to the rights and liberties of the church of Lincoln, and do nothing to their prejudice under penalty "re-incidencia." In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated at our manor of Lidington, 12 October, 1534, the 14th of our consecration.

CONFIRMATION OF THE FOREGOING MANUMISSION—And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, as far as in us lies, unanimously accept, approve, ratify, and confirm for ourselves and our successors, the foregoing manumission annexed hereto, with the same proviso. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal. Dated in our chapter-house at Lincoln, 17 October, 1534.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF BUCKINGHAM—On October 27, in the chapter-house, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop addressed to the dean and chapter, Master [*Folio 139d.*] Richard Layton,¹ doctor of either law, was installed and canonically inducted in the archdeaconry of Buckyngham, vacant by death of Master John Taylor, in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oath of observance of the Laudum of William Alnewyk, of revered memory (*recolende memorie*), formerly bishop of Lincoln, and of all and singular its contents, and did all other things as contained in the Black Book ; present the dean, precentor, chancellor, and treasurer.

INDUCTION TO THE VICARAGE OF EMPYNGHAM—On the same day, in the choir at parley after vespers, on the authority of letters from Master John Rayne, doctor of either law, vicar-general and official principal of John, bishop of Lincoln, *Dom.* Stephen Johnson, chaplain, was inducted into the vicarage of Empyngham, vacant by resignation of Richard Fowler, in the person of William Snawdun, notary public, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oath of canonical obedience, etc., and letters were written for his induction. Present, the dean, precentor, chancellor and treasurer.

GRANT OF THE OFFICE OF WRITER OF ACTS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF HUNTS.—To all, etc.—William Knight, LL.D., archdeacon of Huntyngdon,—Greeting. Know ye that we, for ourselves and our successors have given, granted, and by these presents confirmed to Simon Kent, notary public, the office of registrar and writer of the acts in and for the whole archdeaconry of Huntyngdon, and have nominated, ordained and appointed him as such, to hold, occupy, and exercise the said office for the term of his life by himself or by his sufficient deputy, to have and receive yearly during his life for the exercise of the said office from ourselves and our successors the future archdeacons, out of the rents and proceeds of the said archdeaconry, an annual rent or

¹ This was the notorious Dr. Richard Layton, one of Cromwell's chief and most unscrupulous agents in the visitation of monasteries. He was made dean of York in 1539, but retained the archdeaconry till his death in 1544. "After his death it was discovered that he had pawned the minster plate." In more than one grant of the next presentation to prebends made by bishop Longland, the bishop expressly excludes Richard Layton from being appointed.

annuity of four pounds each year at the feast of St. Michael the archangel, and also one gown or robe yearly of the vesture of us and our successors, and also all other wages, fees, emoluments and profits due and customary to the said office in as full and ample a form as any other previously has had them. In witness whereof, as we have not the seal of our archdeaconry at hand, [*Folio 140*] we have procured the affixing to these presents of the seal of Dr. John Rayne, vicar-general, etc. And we, John Rayne, vicar-general, etc., at the personal request of Master William Knyght have affixed our seal hereto. Dated 9 November, 1534.
[*Signed*] p. me, Willm Knyght, Archñum Huntynghdon.

Similar grant by the bishop in nearly the same words, omitting the grant of the £4 and gown; and concluding—Moreover we give our express assent and consent to all and singular the gifts, grants, ordinances, etc., concerning this office made by Master William Knyght, archdeacon of Huntynghdon in his letters patent annexed to these presents, and we ratify and confirm the same to the said Simon Kent for his life for ourselves and our successors by these presents sealed with our seal. Dated at our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 12 November, 1534, the 14th of our consecration.

[*Signed*] Joñes Lincolñ Epūs.

And we, George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, give our assent and consent to the foregoing grants, etc., made by John bishop of Lincoln, and by Master William Knyght, archdeacon of Huntynghdon, and approve, ratify and confirm them by these presents for ourselves and our successors. Dated at Lincoln in our chapter-house, 23 November, 1534.

Folio 140d.

INDENTURE OF THE PREBEND OF SUTTON CUM BUCKS—This Indenture mayd the xijth day of the monyth of September, In the yere of our Lorde God a Thowsande fyve hundrethe thyrti and thre, and the xxvty yere of the Reigne of our soverayne lorde kynge Henry the eight betwene Richerde Pate, clerke, prebendary of the prebende of Sutton and Buckyngnam in the Cathedrall church of Lincoln of the one partie, and John Pate, gentylman, servaunt to the Reverende Fadre John Longlonde, bushoppe off Lincoln of the other partie, Wytnessyth that the sayd Richerde Pate, prebendary, etc., aforesayd, hathe grauntyd, dymisyd, and to ferme letten for hym, hys successors and assignes to the sayd John Pate and hys assignes all the sayd prebende and parsonage of Sutton and Bucks withe every parcell and porcion of the same, and all the glebelande, pastures, medowes, enclosures, tithes and oblacions, with all other proffytts and comodyties to them belongyng, and the twoo Mylnes undre one Royf jonyng unto the prebendary house or parsonage of Buckyngnam, that is to say, a wheate mylne and a malte mylne, with all other waiters, rents, leets, courte-barons, fynes, amercyements, catallys *felonorum et fugitivorum* not extendyng to the summe of Forty Shillyngs, and hariotts undre the sayd summe, with all other perquesytes, liberties and comodyties to the sayd parsonage and prebend and other the premises in the townes and feldys of Sutton, Bucks, Horley and Hornton or in eny parcell or village therunto belongyng or apperteynyng, Excepte and reservyd to the sayd Richerde Pate hys successors and hys assignes all the mancion place of the sayd parsonage in Bucks, twoo courtes, th'orcherde, the ponds, the hakney stable and hey barne nexte unto the

sayd stable in Buckyngham aforesayd : And all the woods belongyng to the sayd prebende and parsonage, savyng onely the grasse gystements, pannage and wyndefallys, with housebotte, hedgebotte, plughbotte and cartebotte necessary for the mayntenaunce of the husbandry off the sayd John Pate and hys assignes, beyng resydent and dwellyng in and upon eny parte of the grounds of the sayd prebende and parsonage within the paryshe of Buckyngham, to be assygned and delyveryd unto the sayd John Pate, etc., by the assignement of the sufficient deputy or deputies of the forenamed Rich. Pate yerely at tymes convenient duryng the terme within wrytten, To Have and to hold the sayd prebende and parsonage of Kyngs Sutton, Bucks, Horley and Hornton and every parcell theroff, Excepte before excepte, to the sayd John Pate from the feste of the Annunciation, 1535, unto the ende and terme of Fyvety yeres then nexte ensuyng fully to be complete and endyd, Yeldyng and payng yerely duryng the sayd terme for the porcion of the sayd prebende in Sutton Fyvety Pounds, And for the porcion of the same prebende and parsonage in Buckyngham aforesayd Forty and Eight Pounds, And also for the porcion therof in Horley and Hornton Twenty Pounds, at twoo termys of the yere, that is to say, at the Feastes of Saint Mighell tharchangell and th'annunciation of our lady Saint Mary the Virgyn by equall porcions. The firste payment therof to begyne in the feaste of Saint Mighell th'archangell, whiche shall be in the yere 1535. [*Folio 141*] And it is covenautyd and agreeede betwene the sayd parties that yff it happyn the sayd Rents or eny porcion or parte therof to be behynde unpaid at eny of the sayd festys in whiche it ought to be payed by the space of Syxe wekes, then it shall be lefull to the sayd Richerde Pate, hys successors executors and assignes to entre and distreyn in all and every porcion of the premisses where the sayd Rent shall be then so unpaid, and the distresses so takyn to dryve and cary away unto suche tyme that the sayd Rente and every porcion therof be fully contented and paid. And if it fortune the sayd Rente to be behynde unpaid, etc., by the space of thre monythes, and lawfully demaunded at eny tyme within the sayd thre monythes, then it shall be lefull to the sayd Richerde Pate, etc., into the sayd prebende and parsonage, etc., to re-entre, and the sayd John Pate, hys executors, etc., to expell, and them to have and enjoye in as goode estate and condicion as no suche lease theroff had been mayd, thies Indentures in eny wyse notwithstanding. And the sayd John Pate covenautith and grauntith that he, his executors, etc., shall well and sufficiently repayre, susteyn and maynteyn all maner of reparacions of the sayd two Mylnes in Bucks (Excepte the water and ground warke) and soo to leve them sufficiently repayred in every parte at th'ende of the sayd terme. Provydyd alway that the sayd Richerde Pate, his successors, etc., shall fynde all rughe tymber for the reparacions of the sayd mylnes and other the premisses at all tymes nedefull, whiche rughe tymber the sayd John Pate, etc., shall cutte and cary away at ther costys and charges at the assignement of the sayd Richerde. And the sayd Richerde Pate covenautith and grauntith sufficiently to make and repare all the sayd mylnes and houses and all other warkes at the entre of the sayd John Pate. Furthermore the sayd Richerde Pate covenautith, etc., that he, hys successors, etc., shall duryng the sayd terme repayre, susteyn and maynteyne all other housyng and wallys of the sayd parsonage and all other the premisses in all maner of Reparacions, Excepte halffe lyme and sande and halff the warkmanshype to and for the reperacions of all

suche houses as be letten unto the sayd John Pate, etc., in the towne of Bucks. whiche the sayd John Pate, etc., shall fynde and beare at ther proper costes and chargys. Also the sayd Richerde Pate covenautith, etc., for hym, hys successors, etc., that the sayd John Pate, hys executors, etc., shall have yerely duryng the sayd terme housebotte, hedgebotte, plughebotte, and cartebotte necessary for ther husbandry at the limytacion and appoyntement of the sayd Richerde Pate, etc. And that the sayd John Pate shall have yerely twenty loads of undrewoode for hys fyre out of the sayd prebendary hys woods, yff he dwell within the paryshe of Bucks. aforesayd by the limytacion, etc., of the sayd Richerde [Folio 141d.] Pate, etc., or ther officer for the tyme beyng. And it is covenautyd and agreyd betwene the sayd parties that the sayd Richerde Pate, etc., shall appoynt and assigne a stuarde to kepe courtes in every place of the sayd prebende accustomed in the name of the sayd Richerde from tyme to tyme, And the sayd John Pate, etc., shall yerely duryng the same terme pay the on half of the accustomed fee of the sayd stuarde. And where the sayd John Pate standithe bounden by hys dede obligatory beryng date of thyse Indentures in the sum of Two Hundred Marks sterlyng for the performance of all and singuler the premisses, It is covenautyd betwene the sayd parties that yf the forenamyd John Pate, etc., do well and truly observe, kepe, and performe all and singuler covenants, agrements and promyses above specyfied that then the sayd obligacions to be voyde and of non effecte. Moreover it is covenantyd betwene the sayd parties that they, ther successors, etc., shall provyde Mylnestones for the sayd too mylnes necessary from tyme to tyme at the equal costs and chargys of bothe the sayd parties. Provydyd alway that yff it happyn the sayd too Mylnes or ether of them to be Ruyned or dekye in the grounde workes waiter or Mylnestones by the negligence of the sayd Richerde Pate, etc., or ellis that the sayd John Pate, etc., cannot have rughe tymber at all tymes for the reperacions of the sayd ij mylnes, so that by means therof the sayd mylnes or ether of them be lettyd or cannot sufficiently go, then and as often as eny suche lette shall happen by the negligence of the sayd Richerde Pate, etc., the sayd John Pate, hys heyres and assignes to be allowyd of the Rente of the sayd too mylnes Ratabely aftyr the rate of the tyme the sayd too mylnes or ether of theym shall be so lettyd or stande unoccupied. In wytnes wherof the same parties hereunto interchangeably have put ther Seales the day and yere abovesayd.

Confirmation of the foregoing indenture by the bishop by his [Folio 142] authority as ordinary. In witness whereof his seal is appended. Dated at his lodging at the Old Temple, London, 14 August, 1534.

[Signed] Johnes Lincoln Epus.

Approval and confirmation by George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln. In witness whereof they have affixed their common seal. Dated in their chapter-house, 5 December, 1534.

LETTERS PATENT FOR THE OFFICE OF BAILIFF OF LYDINGTON—To all, etc.—John, by divine permission bishop of Lincoln, Greeting in the Lord and undoubting faith in these presents (*fidem indubiam presentibus adhiberi*). Whereas the lord William Atwater, bishop of Lincoln, of happy memory, our predecessor, by his letters patent gave and granted to his servant John Stangar the offices of bailiff of our demesne of Lydyngton, co. Rutland, and of keeper of our manor, orchards, gardens

and parks there with the wild animals and deer therein, and all and singular the appurtenances of the said office,—To have and exercise for his life by himself or his sufficient deputy, for whom he would be responsible, with also the fees and wages due and customary thereto, as in those letters patent more fully appears, know ye that we, the aforesaid bishop, have granted, and by this present writing have confirmed, for ourselves and our successors, to our beloved John Pate, our nephew, and John Joseph *als.* Jesoppe, our kinsman, and to the longer liver of them, the same offices of bailiff and keeper of our manor of Lydyngton, and of its gardens, etc., when first and next by the death of the aforesaid John Stanger they revert to the gift of us or our successors,—To have and to exercise the said offices from the death of the said John Stangar for their lives, or for the life of the longer liver of them, by [*Folio 142d.*] themselves or by their sufficient deputy or deputies, for whom they will be responsible, with all fees, wages, etc., due and customary, in as ample a form as the said John Stangar now has, or any of his predecessors has had them. And we have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, to the said John Pate, and John Josephe *als.* Jesoppe and to the longer liver of them, for the exercise of the said offices an annuity or yearly rent of lxxvs. ijd. ob. to be received from our manor of Lydyngton at the hands of our provost of the same, or of the receiver-general of us or our successors for the time being, at the feasts of St. Michael the archangel and of the Annunciation by equal portions; and also a gown or robe of the livery of our gentlemen at Christmas yearly during their lives, commanding all and singular our tenants dwelling now or hereafter within our demesne of Lydyngton that they give attention, help and comfort to the said John Pate and John Josephe *als.* Jesoppe in their exercise of these offices after John Stangar's death. In witness whereof we have affixed our seal hereto. Dated in our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 30 November, 1534, the 14th of our consecration.

[*Signed*] Johes Lincoln Epus.

Confirmed by George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for themselves and their successors, as far as in them lay. In witness whereof they affixed their common seal. Dated in their chapter-house, 5 December, 1534.

Folio 143.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF OXFORD—On January 18, in the chapter-house, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Richard Coren, S.T.P.,¹ was installed and canonically inducted in the archdeaconry of Oxford vacant, in the person of Master John Pryn, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, chancellor and sub-dean.

LETTERS PATENT FOR THE OFFICE OF CONSTABLE, &c., OF NEWARK—To all, etc. John, bishop of Lincoln—Greeting. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by this present writing have confirmed, for our-

¹ Dr. Richard Coren, or Curwyn, who now became archdeacon of Oxford, had been vicar of Buckden, 1530-2, and held successively the prebends of Thorngate 1530, Welton Paynshall 1531, and Cropredy, 1537: he was also canon of the king's college, Oxford, and of the royal chapel of St. Stephen's, Westminster. He died 1542-3.

selves and our successors, bishops of Lincoln, to the lord Thomas Rosse, Earl of Rutland, the offices of constable and chief seneschal of our castle, town and wapentake of Newarke and of our demesnes within the said wapentake, to have and to exercise the said offices for his life by himself or by his sufficient deputy, for whom he will be responsible, with the usual and customary fees and wages to be received at the hands of the officials of ourselves and our successors for the time being, as has been customary of old,—Giving command to all and singular our tenants there that they be attentive, helpful and comforting to the aforesaid nobleman in the exercise of the said offices. In witness whereof our seal is appended to these presents. Dated in our lodging at the Old Temple, London, 9 December, 1534, in the 26th year of Henry VIII, king of England and France, defender of the faith, and lord of Ireland, and the 14th year of our consecration.

[Signed] Jo^hes Linco^ln Ep^us.

Confirmation of the above grant by George Henage, dean, and the chapter of Lincoln, for themselves and their successors, as far as in them lay. In witness whereof they have affixed their common seal. Dated at Lincoln, in their chapter-house, 10 March, 1534.

Folio 143d.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF WELTON-BEKHALL—On March 6, 1534, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master William Weldon, clerk, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Welton-Bekhall, vacant,¹ in the person of Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, the treasurer, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SUTTON-IN-MARISCO—At the same time, etc., and on the same authority, Master William More,² clerk, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Sutton-in-Marisco, vacant, in the person of the same, etc.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF NORMANBY—On March 25, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor, treasurer and sub-dean, *Dom.* Thomas Barnes, pbr., on the nomination of the sub-dean

¹ The cause of vacancy of these two prebends, Welton Bekhall and Sutton in Marisco, is not stated here, but in either case it was through the attainder and deprivation of their former holders under the act for the royal supremacy and succession. Welton Bekhall had been held since April, 1533, by Christopher Plummer, also prebendary of York, 1507, and canon of Windsor, 1513, who was included in the bill against bishop Fisher and others for refusing the oath of succession in 1534. The same was the case with Edward Powell, S.T.P., who had held Centum Solidorum, 1503, Carlton w. Thurlby, 1505, and Sutton in Marisco since 1525, and was also a prebendary of Salisbury. He had been active in opposing Luther's doctrine, and had been one of the counsel for queen Katherine at her trial before the legates. He was not only condemned and attainted in 1534, but committed to the Tower, where he remained till 30 July, 1540, when he formed one of the famous six,—three romanists and three protestants,—who were dragged, two and two, on hurdles from the Tower to Smithfield, where the romanists were hung, drawn and quartered as traitors, and the protestants burnt as heretics.

² William More, S.T.B., here installed as prebendary of Sutton in Marisco, was a Master in Chancery, and abbot of Walden in Essex. On 20 October, 1536, he was consecrated bishop of Colchester as a suffragan of Ely. On 22 March, 1537-8, he surrendered the abbey of Walden on receiving a promise from Lord Audley to buy the archdeaconry of Leicester for him for £80. He was installed in the archdeaconry, 24 September, 1539, but died in 1540.

in his course, was presented to the bishop in writing under the common seal for the vicarage of Normanby, vacant by resignation of Robert Larke.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On March 26 John Hanlay, Humfrey Knyght, Laurence Birchewoode, William Sutton and John Barton, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the holy Saturday of Easter, viz., March 27, each of them for the order of acolyte, the chancellor examining them after the custom of the cathedral.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF CRAKEPOLE ST. MARY—On 15 April, 1535, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, the venerable lord Robert Kyng, bishop of Reon (*Reonen' Epus*)¹ was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of St. Mary Crakepole, vacant by death of Master Dr. Faunterloye, in the person of Master John Pryn, the treasurer, his lawfully constituted proctor, who took the oaths, etc. Present, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

Folio 144.

INSTALLATION TO THE SUB-DEANERY OF LINCOLN—On chapter-day, 17 April, 1535, in the chapter-house, present the dean, precentor, chancellor and John Talbot, canon residentiary, Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, was admitted and installed in the dignity of sub-dean, vacant by resignation of Master John Talbot, and took the oaths at the horn (*ad cornu*) of the high altar of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, etc., as is more fully contained in the Black Book, and letters were written to all and singular under the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter for his induction at Kyrton and Hibbalstowe.

ADMISSION OF A VICAR-CHORAL OF THE 2ND FORM [*sic*]—On May 17 William Halyday and Nicholas Hibleyn, vicars-choral of the 2nd form, were presented to receive orders on the Saturday of Ember week, the vigil of Holy Trinity, Haliday being deacon as presbyter, and Hibleyn sub-deacon as deacon, after examination by the chancellor.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On May 18, in the choir, at parley after vespers, Thomas Cartwright and Edmund Jakson, poor clerks, were presented to receive orders on the Saturday of Ember week (*iiiijor temporum*), viz., Cartwright being an acolyte the sub-diaconate, and Jakson as acolyte, after examination by the chancellor.

CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIARIES' CANONICAL FARMS—On chapter-day, June 26, the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean and Talbot being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, and then and there discoursing about their canonical farms for the next year, at length declared themselves each content with his own, except Master Talbot, who with the consent of the chapter then accepted Edenstowe for his farm.

¹ Robert King, bishop of Rheon in the province of Athens or Constantinople, was provided on a reference of Cardinal Campeggio for the aid of the See of Lincoln, 1527. January 1, being then abbot of Thame. In December, 1536, he was installed in the prebend of Biggleswade, which he retained till 1 September, 1542, when he became first bishop of Osney, of which he was also abbot. The see was removed to Oxford in 1545, and he died there in 1557. Bishop Longland commissioned him to act for the archdeacons of Oxford, Bucks., Hunts. and Beds. on 4 May, 1527.

INSTALLATION TO THE DIGNITY OF TREASURER—On July 11, in the chapter-house, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Henry Litherland,¹ bachelor of decrees, was admitted to the dignity of treasurer of the cathedral, vacant in as much as Master John Pryn, doctor of decrees, last treasurer, had acquired another dignity in the same church, and he was inducted and personally installed in the same. The said Master Henry Litherlande took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter at the south horn (*cornu*) of the high altar, and the rest as contained in the Black Book. Present, the dean, precentor, sub-dean and Talbot.

Folio 144.

COMMISSION OF THE DEAN AND CHAPTER FOR THE TERMINATION OF CAUSES PENDING BEFORE MASTER H. LITHERLAND—On 13 July, 1535, the chapter, viz., the dean, precentor, chancellor, sub-dean and Master John Talbot, assembled chapter-wise in the middle of the choir, after vespers finished there, considering that the chantry or keepership of the altar of St. Peter in the cathedral was then, and is, vacant inas-much as Master H. Litherland, its last cantarist or keeper, had lately accepted and acquired the dignity of the treasury (*thesaurarie*), and in right of this chantry the said Master H. Litherland had been *auditor causarum et negociorum* for the dean and chapter, and some of these matters and causes were still pending and undecided. Therefore for the hearing, terminating and duly and canonically concluding of all such causes and their consequences, the said dean and chapter, with their unanimous capitular consent and assent, committed their authority on this behalf to the said Master Henry Litherland, with full power of canonical coercion.

RESIGNATION OF, AND NOMINATION TO, THE CHANTRY OF JOHN GYNWELL—On chapter-day, the last of July, before the dean, precentor, chancellor, and Talbot assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house, was exhibited a resignation of the chantry of John Gynwell, formerly bishop of Lincoln, in the cathedral, made by *Dom.* Robert Woodhouse. This resignation the chapter then and there accepted, and decreed the chantry to be vacant; and forthwith the dean, in right of his course, nominated Master Robert Willanton, B.A., to it.

¹ Henry Litherland, LL.B., had held the important office of Keeper of St. Peter's Altar since 28 June, 1522. In September, 1527, he had a twenty years lease from the dean and chapter of a house in the close opposite the south porch of the cathedral, otherwise described as near St. Margaret's church. In July, 1528, on dean Constable's death he was commissioned by the sub-dean and chapter to conduct the visitation of the collegiate church of Derby during the vacancy of the deanery. On 11 July, 1535, he was admitted to the dignity of treasurer, and was installed in the prebend of St. Mary Crakepole, in December, 1536. He held the rectory of St. Peter at Arches, with that of Belton in the Isle, and was presented by the prior and convent of St. Katharine's to the vicarage of Newark in 1532. Here information against him was laid before the privy council at divers times in 1537 that he never in his sermons taught the king's title to be supreme head, nor spoke of the usurped authority of the bishop of Rome, but bade his hearers pray for souls in purgatory, and condemned English books of the scriptures, etc. He seems later to have joined the insurgents in Yorkshire, and was finally tried and executed at York on 1 or 2 August, 1538 (*Cal. of State Papers*, 28-30 Henry VIII). John Pope, who succeeded him as Keeper of St. Peter's Altar, was presented to his rectory of Belton "in the king's gift by reason of the manifold treasons proved against the said Henry." His successor in the prebend of St. Mary. Crakepole, was installed in February, 1539, no reason being stated for the vacancy; but his office of treasurer was never filled, all the vast treasure of the cathedral having been seized for the king's use.

PROTESTATION OF MINOR RESIDENCE BY MASTER JOHN TALBOT—

On August 14, in the chapter-house, before the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, canons residentiary, then and there forming a chapter, the dean being then out of the city, Master John Talbot, canon residentiary, there present in person, made, read and handed in a protestation of minor residence, as follows: *In Dei nomine, Amen.* Before you, the sub-dean and my brethren, the canons residentiary of this cathedral, here present and assembled chapter-wise, I, John Talbot, canon residentiary and prebendary of Clyfton in this cathedral, now being in my major canonical residence, which I have fulfilled for 15 years, do say, allege and protest now openly, publicly and expressly in these writings that I wish and intend in the next year and in other future years in which I shall be lawfully impeded, to make and perform minor residence according to the custom of the cathedral beforetime [*Folio 145*] and in these days in use. And the causes of this my minor residence I now propound and show, as follows, viz., on account of the cure of souls committed to me, lest perchance (*quod absit*) through my absence or negligence the flock committed to me should seem to perish or err, and on account of my bodily ill-health, and the repairs in my benefices which I am bound to make, and other urgent and legitimate causes reasonably moving me and my conscience thereto. Affirming however publicly and expressly that by this protestation of minor residence I do not intend nor wish, if I should be freed from the burden of the cure of souls, or if God give me grace and bodily health, in any way to derogate from my major residence otherwise done or hereafter, when it shall please me, to be done and continued according to the custom of the cathedral, but that this major residence may be safe and open to me *in eventu*, so that I may return to it and continue it in the same state, degree and seniority (*etate*) of residence in which I now stand at any opportune time, this present protestation notwithstanding. And I protest that it is my will (*me velle*) to correct or amend this my protestation, to add to it, or detract from it, if and so far as may be needful or shall seem expedient, always reserving the benefit of the law.

This protestation was admitted by the chapter so far as it was admissible by right or by custom of the cathedral.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On the same day the chapter chose Masters James Mallet, precentor, and John Pryn, sub-dean, as auditors of the account of the common for this year.

LETTERS PATENT FOR THE OFFICE OF SENESCHAL OF THE HOUSE OF CHORISTERS—On August 28, the dean and chapter unanimously granted the under-mentioned office to *Dom.* John Maynman, cantarist of the cathedral, in the form following: To all, etc., George Hennage, dean, and the chapter, etc.—Greeting. Know ye that we with our unanimous consent and assent expressed for us and our successors have given, granted and by this present writing confirmed to our beloved John Maynman, clerk, for his good service before rendered and hereafter to be rendered to us and to the cathedral church of Lincoln, the office of seneschal or proctor of the house or lodging of the choristers anciently founded there, as well as of collector of the farms, pensions and other emoluments whatsoever to the said choristers belonging. And by these presents we make, appoint and constitute him seneschal or proctor, to

have, occupy and exercise the said office [*Folio 145d.*] by himself or for reasonable cause, to be approved by us and our successors, by his sufficient deputy, for whom he will be responsible, from the feast of St. Michael the archangel next for the whole term of his life, receiving annually for the exercise of that office meat and drink, a chamberlain's livery (*liberaturam camerarii*), as limited and assigned of old to such seneschal or proctor, together with all wages, fees, rewards, profits, emoluments, and advantages whatsoever belonging or due to the said office in as ample a manner as any other in the said office has had and obtained them, as also all reasonable expenses which he has borne or incurred in the exercise of the said office, to be paid or allowed yearly to himself or his deputy. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal. Dated in our chapter-house at Lincoln, 28 August, 1535.

CONCERNING THE GOODS AND JEWELS OF THE VESTRIES—Mem: That on September 11, the dean, precentor, and chancellor, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house (Master John Talbot being then ministering at the high altar), chose the chancellor and the sub-dean to supervise the delivery of the goods and jewels of the vestries of the cathedral to Master Henry Litherlande, the treasurer, towards (*erga*) the feast of St. Michael the archangel next, in accordance with the Laudum of bishop William Alnewyk, of revered memory, provided in that behalf.

LETTERS PATENT FOR THE CHIEF STONE-MASON OF THE CATHEDRAL—At the same time, etc., the said members of the chapter unanimously granted the under-mentioned office to William Kychyn, as follows: To all, etc. George Hennege, dean, and the chapter of the cathedral of St. Mary of Lincoln, Greeting, etc. Know ye that we unanimously for ourselves and our successors have given, granted, and by this present writing have confirmed to our beloved William Kychin, stone-cutter or stone-mason (*lathomo seu fabro lapidario*) for the good service done, and hereafter to be done by him, to us and to the church of Lincoln, the office of stone-cutter or stone-mason, to have, occupy, and exercise the said office from the feast of St. Michael the archangel next for the whole term of his life, receiving yearly for the exercise of the said office twenty shillings of lawful money of England from the clerk of the works by equal portions at the feasts of Easter and Michaelmas, together with his stipend when he shall be employed on the works of the cathedral according to the custom of the church, and also with all wages, fees, etc., belonging or due to the said office, in as ample a manner as Robert Newby formerly, or any other in that office has had them. In witness whereof we have affixed hereto our common seal. Dated in our chapter-house, 11 September, 1535.

Folio 146.

COLLATION TO A CHANTRY OF JOHN GYNWELL—On September 18, in the choir, at parley after vespers, Master Robert Willanton, B.A., was admitted and canonically instituted to one of the chantries founded for the soul of John Gynwell, of revered memory, formerly bishop of Lincoln, in the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene in the cathedral, vacant by resignation of *Dom.* Robert Woodhouse, on the nomination of the dean in right of his course; and he took the oath of canonical obedience as contained in the Black Book; present, the precentor, chancellor, sub-dean, and Talbot.

FOURTEENTH YEAR OF PETER EFFARD, CHAPTER CLERK.

CHAPTER ACTS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. MARY OF LINCOLN—From the Monday after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 20 September, 1535, in the Fourteenth year of the office of Master Peter Effarde, notary public and chapter clerk.

RENDERING OF ACCOUNTS, AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS—On Monday after the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, viz. on September 20, there being assembled in the chapter-house Masters James Mallet, precentor, Christopher Massyngberde, chancellor, John Pryn, sub-dean, and John Talbot, canon-residentiary, forming a chapter (Master George Hennage, the dean, being absent out of the city), account was rendered of the common for the preceding year. This being done they proceeded to the election of a provost of the common for the next year, and they unanimously elected Master James Mallet, the precentor, in right of his course.

Then they unanimously elected Masters John Pryn, sub-dean, as senior, and Christopher Massyngberde, as junior, master of the works; the same Master Christopher Massyngberde, as supervisor of the [*Folio 146d.*] house of choristers; and the same Master John Pryn, as supervisor of the head and shrine of St. Hugh.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT FLEMYNG—On 8 October, 1535, at the door of the vestry, there being present the precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean, on the nomination of the precentor in right of his course, *Dom.* Thomas Westemerlande, pbr., was admitted and instituted to one of the chantries for the soul of Robert Flemmyng, late dean, in the chapel of the Holy Trinity in the cathedral, vacant by death of Robert Owbreys; and he took the oath of canonical obedience, as contained in the Black Book.

INSTALLATION TO THE ARCHDEACONRY OF LEICESTER—On October 17, in the chapter-house, in the presence of the precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean, on the authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Edmund Bonner, LL.D.,¹ was installed and canonically inducted to the archdeaconry of Leicester, vacant by reason of the consecration of Edward Foxe, late archdeacon, as bishop of Hereford, in the person of Thomas Sherle, literate, lawfully constituted his proctor for this purpose, who took the oaths of canonical obedience, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

CONCERNING THE CHIEF STONE-MASON—On chapter-day, October 23, the dean, precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean, assembled in the chapter-house, discoursed about the fee of xxs. lately granted by them to William Kychin, stone-cutter or mason, to be paid by the clerk of the works out of the rents and emoluments of the works, as more fully appears by the letters patent sealed with their common seal: and then considering, as they asserted, the great need and ruinous state of the fabric (*nimiam fabrice inopiam et ruinositatem*) and its other heavy burdens, they decreed that the said xxs. should be paid yearly in the following manner, viz. that the clerk of the works should pay xiijs. iiijd.

¹ The well-known bishop of London, who held the archdeaconry of Leicester, until his consecration as bishop, first of Hereford, then of London, in 1539.

out of the rents, etc., and the remaining vjs. viiij*d.* they themselves moved by piety and charity (*pietate caritateque commoti*), promised to pay yearly out of their own funds in relief of the works.

AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN EDMUND BUSHEY AND THE BURGHERS CHANTRY—On October 30, before the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, forming a chapter, appeared in person Edmund Bushey, esquire, with whom they had conversation concerning the signing of certain deeds of final concord of a controversy which had arisen between the dean and chapter and the chaplains of the Burghersh chantry of the one part, and the said Edmund Bushey of the other, but [*Folio 147*] which now by the mediation of friends had been agreed and put to rest (*sopite*). On which the dean and chapter granted that the said deeds should be sealed and confirmed in faith of the aforesaid concord.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LOUTH—On 10 November, 1535, in the chapter-house, on authority of mandatory letters from the bishop, Master Henry Wilyams, S.T.B., was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Louth, vacant by death, in the person of Master Peter Efforde, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor for this purpose, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book, in the presence of the dean, precentor, and chancellor.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On December 9, in the choir, at parley after vespers, John Marshe was admitted to the number of poor clerks, in the presence of the dean, precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean; and he took the oaths of obedience to the dean and chapter, and of observance of the statutes and customs of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks.

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER—At the same time, etc., Christopher Wymbyshe was admitted to the number of choristers, on the nomination and presentation of the precentor, in right of his dignity.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On December 11, George Farth-wate was admitted poor clerk [*as above*] in the presence of the dean, chancellor and sub-dean.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OR KEEPERSHIP OF THE ALTAR OF ST. PETER—On January 5, in the choir, at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean being then and there assembled chapter-wise, conferred the chantry or office of keeper of the altar of St. Peter in the cathedral, vacant inasmuch as Master Henry Litherlande, last cantarist, had acquired the dignity of treasurer, on Master John Pope, LL.B.,¹ and instituted him in the same, and he took the oaths of canonical obedience and to cherish with all his power and observe the ordinances of the said chantry, etc., as contained in the Black Book.

¹ John Pope, who thus commenced a long connection with the cathedral, had taken his degree of B.C.L. at All Souls College, Oxford, in February, 1527-8. In 1543 he was promoted to the chancellorship, which he vacated on becoming archdeacon of Bedford in 1554. In September, 1558, he was appointed warden of All Souls by Cardinal Pole, as archbishop of Canterbury, but was never admitted, dying the 11 November following. He was buried in the south choir aisle of the cathedral with other keepers of St. Peter's altar.

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INSTITUTION TO ONE OF THE CANTILUPE CHANTRIES—On January 22, the dean, precentor and chancellor, forming a chapter, admitted *Dom.* John Wayle, chaplain, to the society of the Cantilupe chantry, vacant by death of *Dom.* William Monke, on the presentation of *Dom.* John Cooke, warden of the said chantry, and instituted him in the same. And he took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of furthering and observing with all his power the foundation of the said chantry, etc., as is contained in the Black Book.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF RICHARD FALDINGWORTH—On 30 January, 1535, in the choir at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean then and there nominated *Dom.* John Roper, chaplain, to the chantry of Richard Faldyngworthe in the cathedral, vacant by death of *Dom.* Roger Lawton. And afterwards on March 5, at the same time and place, they admitted and instituted him in the same, and he took the customary oaths.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF WILLINGORE—On 27 March, 1536, the same members of the chapter, assembled in the chapter-house, unanimously presented in writing under their common seal to the bishop or his vicar-general *Dom.* Richard Foster, pbr., to the vicarage of Well-yngore, vacant by the death of Master Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, on the nomination of Master John Pryn, the sub-dean, in his course.

INDUCTION TO THE SAME—On 13 April, 1536, on the authority of letters from Master John Rayne, doctor of law, vicar-general and official-principal of John, bishop of Lincoln, the aforesaid *Dom.* Richard Foster was personally inducted into the vicarage of Well-yngore, vacant as above, and took the oath of canonical obedience to the dean and chapter. And they wrote to all clerks under their jurisdiction. Present the dean, chancellor and sub-dean.

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY ORDERS—On April 14, William Whallay, Robert Thompson and Edmund Jakson, vicars of the second form, were presented to receive holy orders on the holy Saturday of Easter, April 15, viz., Whallay being deacon the presbyterate, Thompson sub-deacon the diaconate, and Jakson, acolyte, the sub-diaconate; examination being first held by the chancellor.

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INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SLEAFORD—On 15 April, 1536, Master Owen Oglethorpe,¹ licentiate of theology, was installed in the canonry and prebend of Sleaforde, vacant by resignation of Master Thomas Robertson, in the person of Master Thomas Slithurste, M.A., constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the Laudum of bishop Alnewyk, as contained in the Black Book. And they wrote for his induction to the

¹ Owen Oglethorpe, D.D., who was here installed in the prebend of Sleaford, was already president of Magdalen College, Oxford, and later held stalls at Windsor and Ripon with other preferments. He resigned his presidentship owing to puritanical opposition 27 September, 1552, but was re-instated on Queen Mary's accession. He retained his prebend of Sleaford or Lafford until his consecration as bishop of Carlisle, 15 August, 1557. As such, he officiated at Queen Elizabeth's coronation, 16 January, 1559, but shortly afterwards was deprived, with other Marian bishops, for refusing to take the oath of supremacy, and he died suddenly, 31 December, 1559.

vicar of Sleforde and to all clerks under their jurisdiction, there being present then in the chapter-house the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF GRETTON—On May 6, Master Thomas Robertson, M.A., was similarly installed in the canonry and prebend of Gretton, vacant by death of Master John Burges, in the person of Master Henry Sapcotes, his proctor, who took the oaths, etc. Present the dean, precentor and chancellor.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF BEDFORD MINOR—On May 20, Master Richard Skryven, A.M., was similarly installed in the canonry and prebend of Bedford minor, vacant by death of Master Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby,¹ in the person of Master John Pryn, the sub-dean, his proctor, who took the oaths, etc., there being present then in the choir, at parley after vespers, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF SIMON BARTON—On May 29 the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, being assembled chapter-wise at the door of the vestry, conferred, *in iuitu caritatis*, the chantry of Simon Barton, formerly archdeacon of Stowe, at the altar of the B.V.M. in the cathedral, vacant by the dimission of *Dom.* Henry Bulloke, on *Dom.* William Whallay, vicar-choral, and instituted him therein as chaplain, on his taking the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the chantry, etc., as contained in the Black Book with regard to the cantarists' oaths.

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ADMISSION OF A VICAR OF THE SECOND FORM—At the same time, etc., Thomas Cartwright and Edmund Jackson were admitted to the number of junior vicars, or vicars of the second form, and took the like oaths.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—Also Thomas Hosyer, 16 years of age, was admitted to the number of poor clerks and took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance of the statutes of the house of poor clerks and the customs of the cathedral.

PRESENTATION FOR ORDERS—On June 5 Laurence Birchewoode, poor clerk and acolyte, was presented to receive the order of the sub-diaconate on Saturday in Ember week, being the vigil of Holy Trinity, examination being first held by Master Christopher Massyngberde, the chancellor.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF ST. MARGARET, LEICESTER—On June 10, in the choir at parley after vespers, on authority of letters from the bishop, Master Henry Morgan, LL.D., was installed and inducted in the canonry and prebend of St. Margaret, Leicester, vacant by death, in the person of Master Peter Effarde, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor, who took the oaths of canonical obedience and of observance

¹ Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, who had been so long precentor, was buried in what Saunderson calls 'the Chaunters Isle', the south choir aisle near the Cantilupe chantry. The inscription on his tomb was 'Hic jacet corpus venerabilis viri magistri Simonis Grene *alias* Foderby, S.T.P., precentoris hujus ecclesie cathedralis, ac canonici residentarii ejusdem, prebendarii prebende de Bikilswaide in eadem: qui obiit xxvii^o die mensis Martii, anno Dom. MDCXXXVI.'

of the Laudum, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF SPALDWYKE AND SANCTE CRUCIS—At the same time, etc., *Dom.* Richard Hays, chaplain, was installed, etc., in the canonry and prebend of Spaldewyke S. Crucis, vacant by resignation of Master Henry Morgan, LL.D., in the person of the said Master Peter Effarde, who took the oaths, etc.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CANONICAL FARMS—On chapter-day, 17 June, 1536, in the chapter-house, present then and there the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, the dean being absent out of the city, the chancellor accepted Nettelham, the sub-dean Hameldon, and the precentor Castel-Bitham, as their canonical farms.

CONCERNING THE CANONICAL FARM OF NETTILHAM—On June 20, the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean meeting at the south door of the cathedral, together with Master Edward Darbye, archdeacon of Stowe, and some talk and discussion being then and there had between the chancellor and the said archdeacon concerning the portion of Nettelham, which the chancellor, according to custom, had chosen in chapter as his canonical farm on the Saturday last past,—At length by the mediation and counsel and with the consent of the precentor and sub-dean, the chancellor and archdeacon acquiesced as follows, viz., that in case that the chancellor should obtain from the dean and chapter the aforesaid portion of Nettelham to farm in accordance with the force, form and effect of an indenture to be shown to the dean and chapter in that behalf, then the chancellor shall have the rectory of Orston for his canonical farm, and not otherwise nor in any other way. Adding nevertheless that then the said archdeacon and his assigns shall receive a moiety of the aforesaid portion of Nettelham for the two years next following, rendering therefor yearly to the dean and chapter during the said two years £8 in exoneration of the chancellor for so much of the rent due from him to the dean and chapter in the meanwhile for the said portion.

PRESENTATION TO THE VICARAGE OF EDENSTOW—On July 25, at parley after vespers in the choir, before the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, there appeared in person Master John Talbot, canon in minor residence, and in right of his canonical farm of Edenstow nominated William Sapcote, clerk, to the vicarage of Edenstow, vacant by death of *Dom.* Ralph Balguy, and being thus nominated he was presented by the chapter to the archbishop of York or to his vicar-general in the customary form.

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INDENTURE OF THE PORTION OF NETTLEHAM—On chapter-day, July 29, in the chapter-house before the precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean, assembled chapter-wise and forming a chapter, was read an indenture concerning the lease of the portion of Nettelham to Master Christopher Massyngberde, the chancellor, to farm for a term of [blank] years, as in the said indenture is more fully specified, and it was subscribed by the chapter with their own hands.

COLLATION TO THE CHANTRY OF ROBERT AND JOHN LACY—On chapter-day, 5 August, 1536, *Dom.* William Halyday, vicar of the first form, was admitted to the chantry founded for the souls of Robert Lacy and John Lacy in the cathedral, vacant by death of *Dom.* William Bate-man, and took the oaths, etc. Present then and there in the chapter-house the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

ELECTION OF AUDITORS OF THE COMMON—On chapter-day, August 12, the dean, precentor, chancellor and sub-dean, being assembled chapter-wise in the chapter-house and forming a chapter, talked together about the choice of auditors of the account of the common, and then with the unanimous consent and assent of the chapter, they chose Masters Christopher Massyngberde, the chancellor, and John Pryn, the sub-dean, as auditors for the present year.

ADMISSION OF A POOR CLERK—On September 3, at parley after vespers, John Webster was admitted to the number of poor clerks, and took the oaths of canonical obedience, and of observance of the statutes and customs of the cathedral and of the house of poor clerks. Present the dean, precentor, chancellor, and sub-dean.

INSTALLATION TO THE PREBEND OF LANGFORD ECCLESIA—On September 8, on authority of letters from the bishop, *Dom.* Edward Waller,¹ clerk, was inducted and installed in the canonry and prebend of Langforp Ecclesia, vacant by reason of the consecration of Richard, bishop of Chichester, in the person of Master Peter Effarde, notary public, lawfully constituted his proctor on this behalf, who took the oaths, etc., as contained in the Black Book. Present then and there in the chapter-house the precentor, chancellor and sub-dean.

¹ Elsewhere written Walley, under which name he vacated the prebend by attainder 11 December, 1536.

APPENDIX I.

DIGNITARIES & PREBENDARIES OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

A.D. 1520-1536.

DEANS. (£396 6s. 1d.)

John Constable, D.D., 1514; died 14 July, 1528.

George Heneage, LL.D., 7 October, 1528.

PRECENTORS. (£108 13s. 7d.)

Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, 1512; resigned 1528.

Christopher Massingberd, 15 December, 1528; Chancellor, 1533.

James Mallet, 21 March, 1532-3.

CHANCELLORS. (£113 15s. 6d.)

Nicholas Bradbridge, S.T.P., 1512; died 14 March, 1532-3.

Christopher Massingberd, 21 March, 1532-3.

TREASURERS. (£71 3s. 6d.)

John Burges, 1517; resigned 1521.

George Heneage, S.T.B., 16 June, 1521; Archdeacon of Oxford, 1522.

John London, LL.D., 1 April, 1522; resigned 1525.

Richard Parker, 12 March, 1524-5; resigned 1532.

John Pryn, 5 October, 1532; Sub-dean, 1535.

Henry Lytherland, LL.B., 6 July, 1535; executed 2 August, 1538.

SUBDEANS. (£95 10s. 5d.)

Brian Higdon, LL.D., 1511; resigned 1523.

John Talbot, S.T.P., M.D., 1 July, 1523; resigned 1535.

John Pryn, LL.D., 17 April, 1535.

ARCHDEACONS OF BEDFORD. (£80.)

William Cosyn, 1494; died 1524.

John Chambre, M.D., 15 January, 1524-5.

ARCHDEACONS OF BUCKINGHAM. (£103.)

John Tailour, LL.D., 1516; died 1534.

Richard Layton, LL.D., 27 October, 1534.

ARCHDEACONS OF HUNTINGDON. (£83.)

Richard Rawlins, S.T.P., 1514; Bishop of St. David's, 1523.

William Knight, LL.D., 17 September, 1523.

ARCHDEACONS OF LEICESTER. (£154.)

Richard Mawdeley, M.A., 1518; died 1531.

Stephen Gardiner, LL.D., 31 March, 1531; Bishop of Winchester, 1531.

Edward Fox, S.T.P., 27 December, 1531; Bishop of Hereford, 1535.

Edmund Bonner, LL.D., 17 October, 1535.

ARCHDEACONS OF LINCOLN. (£351 12s. 2d.)

William Smith, LL.D., 1506; died 1528.

Richard Pate, 22 June, 1528.

ARCHDEACON OF NORTHAMPTON. (£209 3s. 4d.)

Gilbert Smith, S.T.P., 1506.

ARCHDEACONS OF OXFORD. (£131 7s. 3d.)

Christopher Urswick, LL.D., 1504; died 1521.

George Heneage, LL.B., 1 April, 1522; Dean 1528.

Nicholas Wilson, S.T.P., 18 October, 1528.

Richard Coren, S.T.P., 18 January, 1534-5.

ARCHDEACON OF STOW. (£128 4s. 10d.)

Edward Derby, M.A., 1507.

PREBENDARIES:

ALL SAINTS IN HUNGATE. (£4.)¹

John Staple, clerk, 1520; died 1522.

John London, LL.D., 30 August, 1522; resigned 1523.

Robert Beckensall, S.T.P., 13 June, 1523; died 1525.

Silvester Dario, LL.D., 10 March, 1525-6.

ASGARBY. (£8.)

John Allen, 1503; resigned 1528.

John Bell, LL.D., 2 October, 1528.

AYLESBURY. (£46.)

John Talbot, S.T.P., M.D., 1519; (Clifton, 1523).

Brian Higdon, LL.D., 1 July, 1523.

BANBURY. (£45.)

Matthew Smith, 2 December, 1512.

BEDFORD MAJOR. (£12.)

John Denham, 15 September, 1509; resigned 1531.

William Chambers, 30 January, 1531-2.

BEDFORD MINOR. (£2 13s. 4d.)

Silvester Dario, LL.D., 18 February, 1524-5; (All Saints 1525-6).

Robert Forth, clerk, 28 June 1526; (Decem Librarum, October, 1526).

Thomas Canner, M.A., 15 December, 1526; resigned 1528.

Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, S.T.P., 27 May, 1528; died 1536.

Richard Skyven, M.A., 20 May, 1536.

BIGGLESWADE.

Simon Grene *als.* Fotherby, 12 December, 1512; (Bedford Minor, 1528).

George Heneage, LL.B., 27 May, 1528.

ST. BOTULPH. (10s.)

Rowland Messenger, 31 July 1513.

¹ In order to avoid repetition the values of the prebends, where ascertainable, are added here from the Subsidy of 1526; it will be noted how greatly the amounts varied. Those for which no figures are given are either such prebends as lay without the diocese, as Clifton, Farendon, Searle, &c., or such as Caistor, Biggleswade, Ketton, which were held by dignitaries and are included in their taxation at Lincoln.

BRAMPTON. (£30.)

John Rayne, LL.D., 26 October, 1521 ; (Thame, 1531).

John Hawkes, S.T.B., 6 April, 1531.

BUCKDEN. (£21.)

Oliver Coren, 23 December, 1514.

CARLTON KYME. (£12 18s. 11d.)

William Fleshmonger, LL.D., 24 October, 1519.

CARLTON *cum* THURLBY. (£15.)

Edward Powell, S.T.P., 25 March, 1505 ; (Sutton in Marisco, 1525).

John Underhill, clerk, 12 December, 1525 ; resigned 1533.

Edward Higgins, LL.D., 10 May, 1533.

CAISTOR.

John Constable, D.D., 4 January, 1502-3 ; died 1528.

Roger Lupton, S.T.P., 18 July, 1528.

CENTUM SOLIDORUM. (£5.)

Thomas Cause, B.D., 13 June, 1511 ; died 1524.

Richard Pate, clerk, 21 June, 1524 ; (Cropredy, 1525).

Roger Lupton, S.T.P., 9 November, 1525 ; (Caistor, 1528).

Robert Aldwich, S.T.B., 18 July, 1528 ; (Decem Librarum, 1529).

John Brandesby, S.T.B., 6 May, 1529.

CLIFTON.

Brian Higdon, 1513 ; (Aylesbury, 1523.)

John Talbot, S.T.P., M.D., 1 July, 1523.

CORRINGHAM. (£31 4s. 8d.)

George Heneage, S.T.B., 16 June, 1521.

Thomas Magnus, 1 April, 1522.

CRAKEPOLE ST. MARY. (6s. 8d.)

William Fauntleroy, S.T.P., 13 April, 1519 ; died 1535.

Robert King, 15 April, 1535.

CROPREDY. (£46.)

Richard Rostan, LL.D., 9 January, 1518-9 ; died 1525.

Richard Pate, B.A., 27 September, 1525 ; (St. Crucis, 1526-7).

John Fox, LL.B., 22 March, 1526-7 ; died 1530.

Richard Wolman, LL.D., 10 August, 1530.

DECEN LIBRARUM. (£6 5s.)

Henry Rawlyns, LL.B., 28 July, 1494 ; died 1526.

Robert Forth, clerk, 23 October, 1526 ; resigned 1529.

Robert Aldryge, S.T.B., 6 May, 1529.

DUNHAM. (£8 6s. 8d.)

George Smith, 29 May, 1507 ; died 1544.

EMPINGHAM.

Christopher Massingberd, 26 December, 1512 ; (Stoke, 1532-3).

James Mallet, M.A., 21 March, 1532-3.

FARENDON.

William Knight, 1516; Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1541.

GRETTON. (£21.)

George Heneage, S.T.B., 9 June, 1518; (Corringham, 1521).

John Burges, 16 June, 1521; died 1536.

Thomas Robertson, M.A., 6 May, 1536.

HEYDOUR *cum*. WALTON. (£20.)

William Franklin, 12 February, 1517-8; resigned 1540.

KETTON.

Edward Derby, 4 December, 1507; (S. Crucis, 1528).

John Prynn, LL.D., 12 August, 1528.

KILDESBY. (£9.)

William Woodward, 10 May, 1514; died 1542.

LAFFORD. (£17 3s.)

James Mallet, M.A., 19 April, 1520; (Empingham, 1533).

Thomas Robertson, M.A., 14 April, 1533; (Gretton, 1536).

Owen Oglethorpe, S.T.B., 15 April, 1536.

LANGFORD ECCLESIA. (£16.)

Nicholas Halliswell, 5 May, 1520; died 1528.

Richard Sampson, LL.D., 5 March, 1527-8; Bishop of Chichester, 1536.

Edward Walley, 8 September, 1536; attainted November, 1536.

LANGFORD MANOR. (£20.)

Robert Toney, LL.B., 8 May, 1505; died 1526.

William Walgrave, clerk, 26 September, 1526.

LEICESTER ST. MARGARET. (£26 6s. 8d.)

Richard Dudley, M.A., 30 March, 1508; died 1536.

Henry Morgan, LL.D., 10 June, 1536.

LEIGHTON BOSARD. (£60.)

John Chambre, M.D., 4 July, 1509; died 1549.

LEIGHTON ECCLESIA. (£17.)

James Rogers, 9 June, 1518; resigned 1528.

William Cleyburgh, LL.D., 24 December, 1528; died 1534.

Richard Gwent, LL.D., 6 May, 1534.

LEIGHTON MANOR. (£66.)

Gilbert Smith, 22 February, 1506; alienated it February, 1548-9.

LIDDINGTON. (£24 6s. 8d.)

James Denton, LL.D., 9 December, 1514; resigned 1532.

William Bretton, LL.D., 12 August, 1532.

LOUTH. (£36 3s. 4d.)

Thomas Sparke, LL.B., 14 July, 1508; resigned 1523.

Robert Shorten, S.T.P., 18 April, 1523; died 1535.

Henry Williams, S.T.B., 10 November, 1535.

MARSTON ST. LAURENCE. (£12.)

Thomas Brinknell, S.T.P., 7 January, 1510-11; died 1539.

ST. MARTIN'S. (5s.)

Peter Roderick, 10 September, 1509; died 1524.

Thomas Canner, M.A., 21 May, 1524; (Bedford Minor, 1526).

John Prynne, LL.D., 12 November, 1526; resigned 1527.

William Cleyburgh, LL.D., 29 August 1527; (Leighton Ecclesia, 1528).

Henry White, M.A., 29 September, 1529.

MILTON ECCLESIA. (£48.)

Thomas Wynter, 1 April, 1522; resigned 1529.

Thomas Bedyll, LL.B., 11 December, 1529.

MILTON MANOR. (£32 15s.)

John Higdon, S.T.P., 26 December, 1521; resigned and died 1532.

John London, LL.D., 18 December, 1532.

NASSINGTON. (£40.)

William Wittern, October, 1519; died 1542.

NORTON EPISCOPI. (£10.)

John Baker, 31 March 1515; 1547.

NORTH KELSEY. (£15 13s. 4d.)

John Longland, S.T.P., 23 December, 1514; Bishop, 1521.

Thomas Magnus, 17 May, 1521; (Corringham, 1522.)

Robert Flemyng, 1 April 1522; died 1526.

Nicholas Smale, M.A., 10 July, 1526.

SANCTÆ CRUCIS, SPALDWICK. (£2 7s. 2d.)

Richard Parker, LL.D., 1 July, 1525; (Stow in Lindsay, 1526).

John London, LL.D., 19 May, 1526.

Richard Pate, 22 March, 1527; (Sutton cum Bucks., 1528).

John London, LL.D., 11 July, 1528.

Edward Darby, M.A., 8 August, 1528; resigned 1529.

John London, LL.D., 6 February, 1529; (Milton Manor, 1532).

Henry Morgan, LL.D., 18 December, 1532; (Leicester St. Margaret, 1536).

Richard Hays, chaplain, 11 June, 1536.

SCAMBLESBY. (£6.)

William Horsey, LL.D., 29 October, 1513; died 1543.

SOUTH SCARLE.

Thomas Bedyll, LL.B., 13 November, 1518; (Milton Ecclesia, 1529).

Thomas Hunt, M.A., 11 December, 1529.

SEXAGINTA SOLIDORUM. (£2 7s.)

Thomas Knight, LL.B., 17 September, 1509; died 1525.

Nicholas Metcalf, S.T.P., 12 December, 1525.

STOKE.

Annexed to Chancellorship.

STOW IN LINDSEY. (£9 13s. 4d.)

John Morice, 2 March, 1517-18; died 1525.

Richard Parker, 31 March, 1526; died 1533.

Nicholas Smith, 4 February, 1533-4.

STOW LONGA. (£24.)

Geoffrey Wharton, LL.D., 26 January, 1523 ; died 1529.

Francis Gascoigne, *scholasticus*, 31 December, 1529.

SUTTON CUM BUCKS. (£123.)

William Smyth, LL.D., 23 February, 1507-8 ; died 1528.

Richard Pate, 22 June, 1528 ; attainted 1542.

SUTTON IN MARISCO. (£18 2s. 6d.)

John Twaytes, 23 July, 1502 ; died 1525.

Edward Powell, S.T.P., 31 October, 1525 ; attainted 1534.

William More, S.T.B., 6 March, 1534-5.

THAME. (£81.)

Richard Mawdeley, M.A., 1519 ; died 1531.

John Rayne, LL.D., 23 March, 1530-1 ; died 1536.

THORNGATE. (Nil.)

Richard Mabbot, 29 July, 1520 ; resigned 1530.

Richard Coren, S.T.B., 9 April, 1530 ; (Welton Paynshall, 1531).

Thomas Lililow, 3 May, 1531.

WELTON BECKHALL. (£5.)

Edward Lee, S.T.P., 3 October, 1512 ; Archbishop of York, 1532.

Thomas Robertson, M.A., 18 April, 1532 ; (Lafford, 1533).

Christopher Plummer, 2 April, 1533 ; attainted 1534.

William Weldon, clerk, 6 March, 1534-5.

WELTON BRINKHALL. (£5 6s. 8d.)

John Harden, 9 May, 1509 ; died 1541.

WELTON PAYNSHALL. (£5 6s. 8d.)

Thomas Thewe, 11 August, 1520 ; died 1530.

John Hawke, S.T.B., 30 July, 1530 ; (Brampton, 1531).

Richard Coren, S.T.B., 6 April, 1531.

WELTON RYVALL. (£11 13s. 4d.)

John Clemens, 3 January, 1517-8 ; resigned 1526.

Laurence Barbor, M.A., 3 February, 1525-6.

WELTON WESTHALL. (£10.)

William Burbanke, LL.D., 13 March, 1517-8 ; resigned 1527.

William Burbanke, clerk, 15 June, 1527 ; died 1531.

APPENDIX II.

SUBSIDY OF 1526.

Among the documents preserved in the muniment room of the dean and chapter of Lincoln is a MS. volume (press A, shelf I, vol. XII), containing the respective amounts on which the clergy of the diocese of Lincoln were assessed for the royal subsidy of 1526. This has been carefully edited by the Rev. H. Salter, late of Shirburn Vicarage, Oxford, and from his edition of it we extract the following entries showing the respective incomes on which the members of the chapter and staff of the cathedral were assessed at the period of these Chapter Acts. We may remark that the assessment is made on the individuals personally rather than on the benefices they held, so that not only curates, stipendiaries and pensioners are taxed separately on the stipends or pensions they received, but in the assessment of the cathedral dignitaries are included not only the incomes of their various offices in the cathedral, but also their receipts from prebends and parochial and other benefices, several of which were commonly held by each. In such cases the benefice so held is noted as being taxed at Lincoln, "taxatur Lincolnie," and its income serves to swell the total of its holder's assessment there. The assessment was made on a graduated scale, those who had more than £8 per annum paying one-tenth, and those who had less one-fifteenth, here expressed by the terms—*quota medietatis*, or *quota tercie*. It will be sufficient however to give below the amount of their respective incomes, together with the deductions allowed for necessary expenses and outgoings.

CHAPTER OF THE CATHEDRAL :

COMMON FUND.

The dean and chapter have in spirituals and temporals	£	s.	d.
	673	14	6 ³ / ₄
Allowances deducted therefrom :—paid in pensions £5 10s.			
8d., in augmentations of vicarages £18 6s. 8d., in arch-			
deacons' procurations £2 5s. 8 ¹ / ₄ d., in quit rents £8 4s.			
10d., in fees £50 6s. 8d., to poor clerks and others £45			
11s. 3d., in chaplains' stipends £42 5s. 8d., for fall of			
rents £20, for division among the residentiaries £350			
os. 3 ¹ / ₄ d., repairs £30, fines 4s. 4d., keeper of the vestry			
9s. 11d., alms 29s., in payments on the account £5 3s.			
4d., obits in hand £8 6s. 8d., obits by union £10 17s.			
7d., decreases of obits and chantries £10, expenses of			
provost and ministers £13 6s. 8d. Total allowances	622	9	3
Sum to be assessed	£51	5	3 ³ / ₄

THE DEAN.

Master John Constable, the dean, has in spiritual benefices and pensions ¹	£	s.	d.
	396	6	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Pays in repairs £12 12s. 9d., in annual fees £10 4s., stipends of the chaplains of Conyngsby £8, of Kettylthorpe £6, of the morning mass 20s., in alms 10s., in procurations and synodals 19s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., in feeding the choir and in curfew £9, for his chaplain's stipend £5 6s. 8d., the prebendary of Castre 2s., for decays 1s., for the visitation of his churches in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield £3 os. 8d.			
Total allowances	59	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sum to be assessed	£337	0	1 $\frac{3}{4}$

THE PRECENTOR.

Master Simon Fotherby, the precentor, has in spiritual benefices ²	108	13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Out of which he pays to the prior of Jerusalem £3 6s. 8d., to the succentor £3, in feeding the choir and in curfew £9, for his chaplain's stipend £5 6s. 8d., for repairs £6 4s. 2d., to the house of St. Catherine £10, to the chaplain of Mere (<i>blank</i>).			
Total allowances	28	17	6
Amount for assessment	£79	16	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

THE CHANCELLOR.

Master Nicholas Bradbridge, the chancellor, has in spirituals ³	113	15	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Out of which he pays the vice-chancellor £3, to his chaplain £5 6s. 8d., for feeding the choir and curfew £9, to the fabric of the church 10s., for clerk's fee 13s. 4d., for fees at Stoke (<i>blank</i>), for repairs £4.			
Total allowances	22	10	0
Amount for assessment	£91	5	6 $\frac{3}{4}$

THE SUB-DEAN.

Master (John) Talbott, the sub-dean, has in spirituals ⁴	95	10	5 $\frac{1}{4}$
Out of which he pays for feeding the choir and curfew £8 13s. 4d., to the prebendary of Welton £7 3s. 4d., in pension to the dean of York £10, for his chaplain's stipend £5 6s. 8d., for repairs 18s.			
Total allowances	32	1	4
Amount for assessment	£63	8 ⁵	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

¹ Included in Dean Constable's income are the revenues of the mastership of Tattershall college, and of the rectory of Kettlethorpe, and of the prebend of Castre, and no doubt other preferments.

² Including the prebend of Biggleswade.

³ Including the prebend of Stoke, and the benefices of Nettleham and Laughton.

⁴ Including the prebend of Clifton. The dean of York to whom he paid a pension of £10, was Brian Higdon, his predecessor as sub-dean.

⁵ *Sic.*

ARCHDEACON OF STOW.

	£	s.	d.
Master Edward Darby, archdeacon of Stow, has in spirituals ¹	128	4	10
Out of which he pays to the abbot of Eynsham 20s., for composition with the Lord Cardinal 46s. 8d., in fees to Richard Clarke 13s. 4d., to James Walbefe 10s., in feeding the choir and curfew £8 13s. 4d., for his chaplain's stipend £5 6s. 8d., for synodals 2s. 8d., for repairs £13 6s. 8d.			
Total allowances	31	19	4
Amount for assessment	£96	5	6

Master Christopher Massingberd, canon residentiary, has in spirituals ²	III	15	9
Out of which he pays for feeding the choir and curfew £8 13s. 4d., for his chaplain's stipend at South Hykeham £5, for procurations and synodals 24s. 2d., for repairs £8, for pension of Robert Newton £6, to the abbot of Burne 13s. 4d., for his chaplain's stipend 'ad manus' £5. There are allowed him also 8s. p. ann. for 4 years for the benefice of Abyndon, dioc. Ely, which sum he paid in both dioceses for those 4 years, therefore he is rightly allowed that sum for the last 4 years, since he paid twice, viz., 32s.			
[Total ³	36	2	10
Amount for assessment ⁴	£75	12	11

Master William Smyth, archdeacon of Lincoln, has in spirituals ⁴	35I	12	2½
Out of which he pays the bishop of Lincoln for 'prestacione' £44, to the prebendary of X Librarum £10, to the prebendary of Carleton 50s., to the cathedral 30s., to the vergers 58s., for composition with the lord cardinal £6 6s. 8d., to the chantry-priest of Master Philip Lepeyate £4 4s. 5d., to a vicar-choral 40s., to the young vicars 3s. 2d., for fee of the receiver-general £5, to the auditor 13s. 4d., to Richard Clarke 20s., for expenses in synods £4, for paper and ink 6s. 8d.			
Total allowances	93	12	2
Amount for assessment	£268	0	0½

Master Richard Parker, the treasurer, has in spirituals ⁶	7I	3	6¾
Out of which he pays for feeding the choir and curfew £8 13s. 4d., for his chaplain's stipend £5 6s. 8d., to the sacrist £3, to the verger £3, to the keeper of the high altar 20s., for the stipend of the bellringers 40s., for			

¹ Including the prebend of Ketton.

² Including the prebend of Empingham, the vicarage of Bicker and the rectory of South Hykeham, out of which he paid a pension of £6 to Robert Newton, his predecessor.

³ These totals are omitted, but are here supplied.

⁴ Including the prebend of Sutton cum Bucks.

⁵ *Sic.*

⁶ Including the prebend of Stow in Lindsey.

repair of the vestments 6s. 8d., for wax £10, for making up the wax 13s. 4d., for wine and bread 33s. 4d., for candles of tallow 10s., for distributions 'in cena domini' 12s., for coals 6s., for incense 8d.	£	s.	d.
Total allowances	37	2	0

Amount for assessment	£34	1	6 $\frac{3}{4}$
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SENIOR VICARS.

Mr. James Tutyll, as sacrist, £3 10s. [in rent 8s.] ; as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; for Oliver Sutton's chantry, £4	12	3	4
Mr. Thomas Flowar, as succentor, £3 14s. ; as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; Peal altar chantry, £6	14	7	4
Mr. John Watkins, as vice-chancellor, £3 ; as clerk of Re and Ve, 13s. 4d. ; as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; for Peter de Hungaria chantry, £4	12	6	8
Mr. William Freman, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; instructor of the choristers (half-year) 15s. ; chantry of Geoffry Pollard, etc., £4 13s. 4d.	10	1	8
Mr. Richard Bayley, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry in 'le irons,' £4	8	13	4
Mr. William Bateman, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Robert and John Lacy, £4	8	13	4
Mr. William Cley, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Lacy, Rothwell and de Luda, £4 2s. 6d.	8	15	10
Mr. Henry Bullok, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Wm. de Tornaco, £3 6s. 8d. ; wax in St. Mary's chapel, 10s.	8	10	0
Mr. William Prynce, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Henry Benyngworth, £4 6s. 8d.	9	0	0
Mr. Henry Hopwood, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry at St. Giles' hospital, £4	8	13	4
Mr. William Harrison, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Wm. Widington, etc., £3 10s.	8	3	4
Mr. Robert Dove, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of William Staureth, etc., £4 ; mass of the name of Jesus, £1 6s. 8d.	10	0	0
Mr. John Parkyn, as vicar-choral, £4 13s. 4d. ; chantry of Roger Fitz-Benedict, £7	11	13	4
[Out of which he pays to St. Hugh's head 30s., in rent 5s., "in annyversario" 20s.]			
Mr. Denis Brodhed, as vicar-choral, and in obits	5	3	4
Mr. George Bowser (Beausire), as vicar-choral and in obits	5	3	4
Mr. Robert West, as vicar-choral	4	8	0

JUNIOR VICARS.

Mr. Thomas Acrith (Acrehed), as junior vicar	2	10	0
Mr. Thomas Stapleton, as junior vicar	2	10	0
Mr. Roger Ellis, as junior vicar	2	10	0
John Grene, ¹ as junior vicar	10	0	0
William Shawe, ¹ as junior vicar	} had received nothing.		
William Haliday, ¹ as junior vicar			

¹ John Grene, William Shaw, and William Haliday had only lately been admitted as junior vicars ; Grene was only a sub-deacon, and Shaw and Haliday acolytes.

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CHANTRY-PRIESTS.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Henry Litherland, keeper of the altar of St. Peter . . .	20	0	0
[Out of which he paid a pension of £6 13s. 4d. to Master Robert Newton, his predecessor.]			
Mr. Robert Hawbrey, chantry of Richard Flemyng . . .	5	0	0
Mr. Roger Lawton, chantry of Henry Benyngworth . . .	4	0	0
Mr. John Burton, chantry of B. Burghersh . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Thomas Marshall, chantry of B. Burghersh . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Ralph Bradbery, chantry of John Crosby . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Thomas Chamberlayn, chantry of B. Burghersh . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Henry Norton, chantry of B. Burghersh . . .	5	6	8
Mr. John Lambe, Caux chantry . . .	7	4	0
[Out of which he paid 19s. 10d. to the bishop, 16s. to the chapter, and 33s. 4d. in repairs.]			
Mr. William Monke, Cantilupe chantry . . .	5	0	0
Mr. Richard Harrison, chantry of J. Russell . . .	6	6	8
Mr. William Johnson, chantry of H. Walmesforth . . .	4	13	4
Mr. John Coke, chantry of Henry Lexington . . .	4	0	0
Mr. John Alinson, chantry in le Irons . . .	6	10	0
Mr. Thomas Palfryman, chantry of Henry de Edenstow . . .	4	0	0
Mr. Robert Cleryng, Ravenser chantry . . .	6	13	4
Mr. William Moyses, Works chantry . . .	4	0	0
Mr. William Adamson, Wolf and Stretton chantry . . .	3	13	4
Mr. Richard Marston, chantry of Henry Lexington . . .	4	0	0
Mr. Henry Godling . . .	6	13	4
Mr. William Utting, chantry of John Crosby . . .	4	8	0
Mr. John West, chantry of John Gynwell . . .	6	13	4
Mr. Robert Vincent, Works chantry . . .	4	8	0
Mr. Robert Percivall, chantry of Hugh Walmesforth . . .	4	0	0
Mr. James Sile, chantry of Robert Flemyng . . .	5	0	0
Mr. John Maynman, chantry of Thomas Alford . . .	5	6	8
Mr. William Stevinson, chantry of Richard Ravenser . . .	6	13	4
Mr. Thomas Johnson, chantry of John Buckingham, with Lilford church appropriate . . .	7	0	0
[Out of which he pays the bishop 3s. 4d., the chapter 20d., the Burghersh chantry 8s., for a boy's exhibition 26s. 8d.]			
Mr. William Turre, warden of Cantilupe chantry . . .	4	0	0
Master William Sharp, chantry of Richard Whitwell . . .	12	0	0
[Out of which for an obit 40s., to the chaplains of St. Mary 20s., in rents 11s., for decay of tenements 5s., for pension to Thomas Sampy, his predecessor, 33s. 4d.]			

CHAPLAINS.

Mr. Walter Ireland, dean's chaplain . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Robert Wedhows, precentor's chaplain . . .	5	6	8
Mr. William Crossefelde, chancellor's chaplain . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Richard Wilde, treasurer's chaplain . . .	5	6	8
Mr. Humphry Bradbery, sub-dean's chaplain . . .	5	6	8
Mr. John Kene, archdeacon of Stowe's chaplain . . .	5	6	8

APPENDIX III.

In the spring session of the Parliament of 1534, 26 Henry VIII, the important statutes were passed, settling the succession to the crown on the king's children by Ann Boleyn, to the exclusion of the Princess Mary, declaring the king to be on earth supreme head of the Church of England, and renouncing the pretended authority and jurisdiction in England of the bishop of Rome. To these all persons holding office and all ecclesiastical bodies were required to signify their assent. This was done on 5 August, 1534, by the dean and chapter of Lincoln and the other members of the cathedral staff, under the chapter seal. The terms in which their consent and assent was expressed, and the names of those by whom it was subscribed, are given below, with the positions held by them as far as they can be ascertained.

FIDELITATES ET JURAMENTA PER DECANUM ET CAPITULUM ECCLESİÆ CATHEDRALIS BEATÆ MARIÆ LINCOLNIÆ REGI PRÆSTITA.

1534,
26 Henry III.

Noverint universi ad quos præsens Scriptum pervenerit, Quod nos Georgius Henage, Decanus Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beatæ Mariæ Lincolnæ, et ejusdem Ecclesiæ Capitulum uno Ore at Voce atque unanimi consensu et assensu, hoc scripto nostro sub sigillo nostro communi in Domo nostra capitulari data, pro nobis et successoribus nostris omnibus et singulis imperpetuum profitemur testamur ac fideliter promittimus et spondemus, nos dictos decanum et capitulum et successores nostros omnes et singulos, inviolatam, sinceram, perpetuamque fidem observantiam et obedientiam semper præstatueros erga dominum regem nostrum Henricum octavum, et erga Annam reginam uxorem ejusdem et erga sobolem ejus ex eadem Anna legitime progeneritam quam progenerandam, et quod hæc eadem populo notificabimus, prædicabimus et suadebimus ubicunque dabitur locus et occasio.

Item, quod confirmatum ratumque habemus, semperque et perpetuo habituri sumus, quod prædictus Rex noster Henricus est Caput Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ.

Item, quod Episcopus Romanus, qui in suis Bullis Papæ nomen usurpat et summi Pontificis Principatum sibi arrogat, non habet majorem aliquam jurisdictionem collatam sibi a Deo in sacrâ scripturâ in hoc Regno Angliæ quam quivis alius externus episcopus.

Item, quod nullus nostrum in ullâ sacrâ concione, privatim vel publice habendâ, eundem Episcopum Romanum appellabit nomine Papæ aut summi Pontificis, sed nomine Episcopi Romani vel Ecclesiæ Romanæ, et quod nullus nostrum orabit pro eo tanquam Papâ, sed tanquam Episcopo Romano.

Item, quod soli dicto Domino Regi et successoribus suis adhærebimus, et ejus leges et decreta manutenebimus, Episcopi Romani

legibus, decretis et canonibus, qui contra Legem Divinam et Sacram Scripturam, aut contra jus hujus Regni esse invenientur, imperpetuum renunciantes.

Item, quod nullus nostrum omnium in ullâ vel privatâ vel publicâ concione quicquam ex sacris scripturis desumptum ad alienum sensum detorquere præsumet, sed quisque Christum ejusque verba et facta simpliciter, sincere, aperte, et ad Normam seu regulam sacrarum scripturarum et vere Catholicorum et Orthodoxorum Doctorum, prædicabit catholicè et orthodoxè.

Item, quod unusquisque nostrum in suis orationibus et comprehensionibus de more faciendis, primum omnium regem tanquam Supremum Caput Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ Deo et populi precibus commendabit, deinde Reginam Annam cum Sobole suo, tum demum Archiepiscopos Cantuariens' et Eborum cum cæteris cleri ordinibus, prout videbitur.

Item, quod omnes et singuli decanus et capitulum et successores nostri conscientia et jurisjurandi sacramento nostro nosmet firmiter obligamus quod omnia et singula prædicta fideliter et imperpetuum observabimus.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum.

Dat. in Domo nostra Capitulari Quinto Die Mensis Augusti Anno Domini Millesimo Quingentesimo Tricesimo Quarto.

Georgius Hennage, Decanus.

Jacobus Malet, Precentor.

Sigillum Ceræ rubræ. Rymer, *Fœdera*, XIV, 495-6.

OTHER SIGNATURES.

Christopher Masyngberd, chancellor.

James Pryn, treasurer,

John Talbott, sub-dean.

Simon Grene *als.* Foderby, canon-residentiary.

Edward Darby, archdeacon of Stow.

John Rayne, bishop's chancellor and vicar-general.

Henry Litherland, keeper of St. Peter's altar.

James Tutyll, vicar-choral and sacrist.

Thomas Floure, vicar-choral and succentor.

John Watkyns, vicar-choral and vice-chancellor.

William Freman, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

John West, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Robert Wodhouse, precentor's chaplain.

Richard Hadfeld, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Henry Bullok, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

John Parkyn, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

George Bewshire, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Robert Dowe, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Hugh Salmon, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

John Jacson, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Roger Ellys, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Thomas Stapyllton, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

William Baitman, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

William Harryson, vicar-choral and chantry priest.

Nicholas Hyblyn, vicar-choral.
 John Bolde, vicar-choral.
 William Halleday, vicar-choral.
 William Whalley, vicar-choral.
 Robert Tomsan, vicar-choral.
 William Johnson, chantry priest.
 William [*sic*]
 John Coke, chantry priest.
 John Lambe, chantry priest.
 William Stevenson, chantry priest.
 Henry Norton, chantry priest.
 John Burton, chantry priest.
 Ralph Bradbury, chantry priest.
 Thomas Chamberlain, chantry priest.
 Thomas Marshall, chantry priest.
 Thomas Johnson, chantry priest.
 John Thorpe, chantry priest.
 Humfrey Bradbury, sub-dean's chaplain and chantry priest.
 George Sandford, chantry priest.
 Robert Percivall, keeper of the high altar, chantry priest.
 James Sille, chantry priest.
 Thomas Pawfremen, chantry priest.
 Thomas Barnes.
 William Mattans, chantry priest.
 Leonard Lee, chantry priest.
 Thomas Pachett, chantry priest.
 Richard Harrison, chantry priest.
 Ralph Balgye, chantry priest.
 John Maynman, chantry priest.
 Robert Vincent, chantry priest.
 William Uttyng, chantry priest.
 Robert Frost.
 Anthony Colton, chantry priest.
 Anthony Fassett, chantry priest.
 John Hanley, poor clerk.
 Humfrey Knight, poor clerk.
 Laurence Burchewood, poor clerk.
 Humfrey Brettyn, poor clerk.
 Thomas Cartwright, poor clerk.
 William Sutton, poor clerk.
 John Bratun, poor clerk.
 Barthylmew Bolton, poor clerk.
 Giles Smale, poor clerk.
 Robert Townrow.
 Thomas Ingyll.
 William Walker.

Deputy Keeper's Report, vii, app. II, p. 291.

ADDENDA ET CORRIGENDA.

Page 11, line 29. For *clerk of the commons*, read *clerk of the common*.

The common (*communa*) being the common fund of the cathedral made up of the endowments, septisms of absent prebendaries, obits and other sources. This was divided equally between the canons residentiary, the share of each forming his commons (*commune*).

Pages 71, 72. We are indebted to the Rev. R. M. Woolley, B.D., rector of Minting, for the following information as to the books presented to the cathedral by Master Robert Newton in July, 1526. They were all, it will be seen, works treating of canon law, no doubt used by himself as a bachelor of decrees, and in his office of *auditor causarum*, which was attached to the keepership of St. Peter's chapel, in which he wished them to remain for the use of his successors. The eight works, forming 12 vols. presented by him, would represent a pretty complete equipment for the study of canon law. They were—1. *A Code*, probably a summary of decretals. 2. *Decrees*, the Decretum, a work of Gratian on the canons. 3. *Decretalles*, the Decretals of Pope Gregory IX, a collection of papal decrees or letters giving decisions on matters of doctrine or ecclesiastical law. 4. *Sexte and Clementines*, of these the Sexte is the 6th book added to the decretals by Pope Boniface VIII, while the Clementines are the constitutions of Pope Clement V. 5. *Constitutions Provinciales and Legantines*, are the provincial constitutions of William Lyndwood, the eminent ecclesiastical lawyer who died in 1446, and the legatine constitutions of cardinals Otho and Othobon, as papal legates in 1237 and 1268. 6. *Archideacon in Rosario* is the so-called Rosarium of Guy de Bayse, archdeacon of Bologna. 7. *Abbot with Repertorie in 4 Vols.*, must be the work of the famous abbot Nicholas Tudeschi (*Abbas Panormitensis*) on the decretals, with an index of contents. 8. *Will'm in Speculo, in 2 vols.*, is the Speculum juris of Willelmus Durandus, another work on canon law. These were probably all printed books, not manuscripts, as editions of them had been issued before 1526, the date of Robert Newton's gift. No doubt they perished or were dispersed in the suppression and spoliation of the chantries in 1545 or 1548.

Page 101, line 34. For *chapel*, read *chantry*, of Manton.

Page 103, lines 13 and 25. For *protestion*, read *protestation*.

Page 200, line 21. For *Langforþ*, read *Langford*.

Page 202, line 35. For *Skyven*, read *Skryven*.

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